Callaghan facing **Commons storm** ver Leyland today

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which, they hope, might lead to a meeting with their rebel tool room members within the next pending Leyland results for the two weeks. Despite the com-pany's crisis, senior union offi-cials would consider a meeting by next Tuesday at the earliest as a triumph of organization. Representatives of the 11 dis-trict committees involved in the

Leyland issue will receive letters today from Mr John Boyd, the union's general secretary, asking them to select toolroom and other skilled workers who would be willing to meet the executive

Mr Hugh Scanlon, the union's president, made clear that the decision did not countermand the earlier instruction to the Levland strikers to return to work. Any discussion with the strikers must be arranged through recognized union chan-

The union moves, seen as something of a breakthrough, were backed by Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He urged all Leyland union members to give fullest cooperation to achieve viability for the company.

Faced with a series of snubs from the strikers, the union executive now wants to reassert its authority. While the district committees select representgressive closure of Leyland's car plants will continue.
Production of three more models, the Mini, Maxi and Princess, stopped vesterday and lay-offs rose to 28,000 in Leyland

land plants. The next phase of state aid to the company is due later this year but any threatened block-ade by either the Government or the enterprise board of new capital might pose difficulties for the Leyland directors. They are obliged under the articles of association to restrict their borrowings from external sources to a level not exceeding two and a half times its

The board is being driven by disappointing output figures capital flow towards a situation where, perhaps, they may not be able to accept National Enterprise Board's loans and

pending Leyland results for the pending Leyland results for the 15 months ended December are also critical to the enterprise board's report and accounts, which is corporate Leyland's performance.

performance.
Each board has separate obligations, one operating under specific statute and the other under the Companies Acts. National Enterprise Acts. National Enterprise Board and Industry Act funds are being supplied for specific investment projects and Leyland has to provide working capital from its own resources. R. W. Shakespeare writes: With only five Leyland models left in production, all threatened by the increasing effects of the toolroom stoppage, there is a toolroom stoppage, there is a growing probability that all vehicle production will have stopped before the weekend and that the total of workers made idle will be about 40,000.

Our Political Reporter writes: A severe attack on the Government's economic an dindustrial today by the Conservatoves dur-today by the Coservatives dur-ing the Leyland debate. It was not known last night whether Mr Varley will be in a position to make a considered or holding statement

Ministers involved were in consultation last night and a meeting of the Cobinet's industrial committee today to approve a statement to the Commons is a possibility.

Mrs Thatcher gave a broad outline of the Opposition's view when she questioned Mr Callaghan in the Commons repeating.

han in the Commons yesterday. She asked whether British Ley-land's difficulties did not demonstrate the weaknesses of his two main pillars of policy: the social contract and the in-dustrial strategy.

She argued that they were mutually incompatible. "We are not gerting either the production from the nation as a whole or the productivity that we need because we have neither a policy that allows for differentials nor a taxation policy that permits incentives." had stated that the funds made available to British Leyland would continue to be made I executive committee of Enterprise Board's loans and available, "but there must be a malgamated Union of guarantees until the impact of revie of the situation before ering Workers decided production losses on its further funds are committed.".

Tories divided over European elections

By Our Political Correspondent The Government's delay in producing a Bill or even a White Paper on direct elections to the European Parliament, due to be held in May-June. 1978, has presented the Conservative Party in the Commons ire police headquarters on ay was still being oned yesterday evening tectives from three police with an embarrassing choice.

Because time is so short, some members of the party's European affairs committee are who have been investiguhe deaths of Mr Ian Jebb, Miss Susan Hockenhull, prepared to consider supporting a Bill that would provide for the elections on a system of 19. his clerk, after a bank ry at Prestbury, Cheshire iday. proportional representation, with the 81 European MPs from Britain being allotted from party lists according to the proportion of votes cast for each sterday, police officers seen digging up the back o of a council house on

But at a private meeting of the committee this week, held under the chairmanship of Mr John Davies, the shadow Foreign Secretary, it was clear that most Conservatives would prefer to press ahead with first-

tuencies formed by grouping eight or ten Westminster

electorates together.

Although it is a forlorn hope, the advocates of that system recognize that a Bill has to be produced within the next month if there is to be time for the boundary commissions to draw-up the Euro-constituencies, allow for an abbreviated process of local appeals, and get the arrangements settled in time. But the Conservatives have to be ready to react in case the Government proposes, in order to save time, that there shall be a simple method of proportional representation based on the party list system. That may well be the Government's recommended method in the White Paper that is expected

> Labour MPs see some advant-Continued on page 2, col 1

within the next two weeks.

From Fred Emery Washington, March 1 President Carter today talked at the White House with Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the dissident activist recently exiled by the Soviet Union, but he refused to permit news photographers to record their meeting.

white House spokesmen, beset by sceptical reporters, denied that the President was trying to avoid excessive offence to the Soviet Government. They said he wanted the 10-minute meeting kept private. It sounded a lame explanation, especially as the contents of the meeting were instantly. the meeting were instantly divulged verbatim by the official spokesmen.

Mr Bukovsky was freely photographed with Vice-President Mondale, but reporters

were restrained from interview-ing him as he was whisked by car_from the White House car from the White House to This led to ironic dissidence on the White House lawn in an extraordinary shouting scuffle between a CBS camera crew and the police, which was filmed by all other photographers present. It was hilarious but the impact of the occasion was indisputably diffused, doubtless by direct Presidential order.

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Vice-President Mondale had originally invited Mr Bukovsky to call, so it was his spokesman, Mr Al Eisele, who gave the official account. Mr Carter, it was said, "dropped in " for the final 10 minutes of the half hour Mr Bukovsky was at the White House. The Oval Office of the Presi-

Photographers barred from Carter-Buko dent was thus not the venue, but the Roosevelt room across the hall from the President's study. The President announced himself campaign-style, saying

"Hi, I'm Jimmy Carter",
Mr Bukovsky, through an
interpreter, expressed his gratitude: "I understand the high honour being shown me by my being received in the White House and I understand that in doing so your Administration shows its respect for the move-

shows its respect for the move-ment which I respect
Mr Bukovsky told Mr Mon-dale during their separate meet-ing, that the American govern-ment should always keep in mind the psychology of the Soviet peoples in assessing their leaders and, above all, be "persistent in human rights

wanted his commitment to protest over human rights abuses well understood as not being simply anti-Soviet, "Our com-

mitment to the concept of human rights is permanent and I don't intend to be timed in my public statements and position public statements and positions. I want them to be productive, and not counterproductive, and also to ensure that our own nation and countries other than the Soviet Union are constantly aware that we want to pursue the freedom of individuals and their right to express them-selves."

Asked by Mr Mondale what kept up his hopes during his years of incarceration before being exchanged in December for Senor Corvalan, the

Mr Carter, by this account, Chilean Communist leader, Mr wanted his commitment to pro- Bukovsky replied: "First and foremost, trust, trust in people, faith in the future, and faith in the human values for which we stand.

According to Mr Eislele, Mr Bukovsky said be did not wish

to meet reporters.
The insistence on no photo The insistence on no photographs is hard to explain. The Soviet Government will in any case be infuriated by Mr Bukovsky's reception at the Dhite House, and will hardly be mollified by the absence of press photographs.

Some journalists, angry with Mr Carter today, may remember that President Ford was too timid even to receive Mr Sokhenisyn at the White House—a timidity he now regrets.

Inter-party devolution talks' outlook 'poor'

Political Staff

Invitations from the Prime Minister and Mr Foot, Leader of the House, for the other-parties to join in exploratory talks about the becalmed devo-lucion Bill were being taken up

Conservatives, Liberals and all minor parties.

Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, has also been asked to consider soundings in the PLP. The dilemma will be discussed at the backbench liairman will be the b son committee today. One possi-bility is a debate on devolution at a party meeting; another is that backbench rebels who effectively lost the Government its guillorine will be consulted individually.

Various ideas are being can-vased at Westminster on how to make progress with the talks, but any genuinely useful agreement is remote.

A referendum with a second question on separatism might appease rebel MPs who fear the beginning of the end for the United Kingdom. But it would not appease those who think the whole structure of the present Bill is unstable.

It might prove possible to re-assure some North of England MPs who fear Scotland and Wales will get too much our of having assemblies. Some would like regional planning councils in the North to give a political

counterbalance to claims from Edinburgh and Cardiff.

The Conservatives are approaching the talks gingerly: they will take place between the Prime Minister and Mr Foot on one hand, and Mrs Thatcher and Mr Francis Pym on the other.

yesterday. Mr. Callaghan could unMost MPs, however, expect doubtedly. Win over some
the series of meetings over the individual Tories by offering
next few days to demonstrate
the unbridgeable gulf between jected, such as proportional
representation or cuts in the
Invitations have gone to the
Conservatives, Liberals and all Some Tory frontbenchers are slso interested in developing the idea of some weak body, for Scotland at least, that could have the title of assembly.

It seems a forlorn hope that Labour can offer anything to the Ulster Unionists. Mr James Molyneaux, their leader, and Mr Enoch Powell will meet Mr Foot and his deputy. Mr Smith. tomorrow night, but they want more Ulster MPs at Westmin-ster and devolution of their

The Liberals have already laid their cards on the table, in successive demands for propor-tional representation, federal-

tional representation, federaltype tax powers for assemblies, and cuts in the number of Scots and Welsh MPs.

The Scottish nationalists are not sanguine. They can press for a mandatory referendum on devolution, but that is not a course Tories are likely to support, let alone the Government. Although the Government says it is not going to recast its legislative programme until the fate of the Bill becomes clear, it is almost universally accepted at Westminster that

Scots nationalists to move their own devolution Bill

From Ronald Faux

A Bill to set up a Scottish assembly is to be introduced in Parliament by the Scottish National Party. That was decided in Edinburgh yesterday at a meeting of the party's national executive and 11 MPs. The party aims at "talling the bluff" of MPs who claim to be for the principle of devolution but against the Government's proposals. The Bill will be published within two weeks.

Mr William Wolfe, the party's determine the responsibilities and detailed functions of the pew body. It would be a radiculation bew approach to the devolution bew approach to the devolution the SNP parliamentary group, said the Bill would show where Scottish MPs really stood.

Mr Stewart said the Bill would be the SNP's contribution to the all-party talks on devolution. If it was accepted there would be elections in Scot-Mr William Wolfe, the party's chairman, said the measure would be designed to sanction the establishment of a Scorrish assembly and vest in the people

of Scotland the power, through

tion to the all-party talks on devolution. If it was accepted there would be elections in Scot-land and the party that won control could put forward its own proposals for the power the assembly should hold.

A nose cone, containing radar equipment that will be used in the Nimrod early-warning aircraft, fitted to a Comet for trials. It was on

show at Hawker Siddeley, Manchester, yesterday. Report, page 2.

Tycoon threatens to lead air attack on seized tanker

Industrial Correspondent

Mr Ravi Tikkoo, the million-aire shipowner, claimed lost night that he was a victim of a communist venderta which has led to one of his ships being held by 38 Filipino crewmen in the French port of Le Havre. The Kashmir-born head of the Britisa-based Clobrik Tanbers group issued an ultimation sering he would lead an airborne storming party on to the tanker if his ship is not freed. He also revealed that because

of what he claims is a comhimself and his company he would leave Britain with his family by the end of this month for a new home either in Europe or the Banamas. Mr Tikkoo convened a hastily arranged press conference at his company's Park Lane headquarters yesterday to outline the company's defence against mounting French and

Eritish trade union pressure in the bizarre effair of the Glob-tik Venus, the 55,800-ton tanker at the centre of the dispute. It began two weeks ago over rates of pay received by the Filipino crew and has grown

Craft printing union members have rejected the joint Programme for Action agreed betwen union leaders and newspaper publishers in Fleet Street and Manchester. The programme was beld out as the key to Fleet Street's survival.

Members of the National Graphical Association are understood to have voted more than three to one in London

than three to one in London against it, and by a ruther smaller majority in Manchester.

The ballot of members of the

Labour Editor

Two Fleet St print unions

reject technology deal

until the shipping chief now likely to be "lynched". refuses to negotiate under duress. Mr Tikkoo said he had given the crew two days to get off

"If the mutineers have not withdrawn and, provided we have the necessary approval of the French and British Governments: I will take five men, including my personal body-guard, by helicopter and land on the ship, he said. I am a trained naval officer and I can take care of the situation—

I am still physically fit." pany had received a "ransom demand" from a French communist-dominated seamen's union. They wanted a payment of £150,000 for the release of the ship, although later the company had received notification that the French union might be prepared to negotiate for about half that amount. This, said Mr Tikkoo, amounted to blackmail. He

claimed that last week the ship's chief officer had been assaulted by some Filipino crew-men and alleged that if the British master left his cabin to inspect the vessel he was

National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel has also gone against

acceptance of the agreement, though by a considerably smaller margin.

The outcome of similar

ballots of journalists, electri-

distribution workers will not be known for some time.

Since the programme was launched it has met with much rank-and-file opposition largely directed at prospective redundancies and the blurring of

traditional lines of

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MP, and Mr Bryan Cassidy; art collections
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Crotty

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But the company is now Continued on page 8, col 4 Ulster drive to protect businessmen

"The communists are behind this whole affair and this is a

communist vendetta against me and this company", he said. "They never like to see free enterprise succeed and I am now so fed up with the situation here that I have decided

today to pack my bags and leave

an estimated £6,500 a day in lost earnings, totalling £91,000 so far. The \$6m (£3.5m) cargo of

oil carried by the vessel from Teesside to the French port is

fears for the continued safety of the ship and the dangers of

He explained that the com-

bank, agents paq recurred "mercenaries" purely as a security force (each man is being paid £20 a day) and the

men—mainly trawlermen from Grimsby—had been sent solely to undertake the discharge of the ship's cargo. A fully quali-

fied British crew was on stand-by to fly to the ship once the dispute was resolved and rail

the ship out of Le Havre.

The dispute is costing Globtik

The Royal Ulster Constabulary has launched a security operation throughout the province aimed at protecting leading businessmen and other prominent citizens from security by the Provisional IRA.

Details of the new drive were released last night after a meet-ing between Mr Kenneth Newman, the chief constable, and Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Their tor Northern Ireand. Inerrement semergency consultations at Stormont came after the attempted murder of another Protestant businessman yesterday morning.

The latest victim, Mr Walker Whitten, an accountant, aged 72, was in a critical condition after being shot while walking to work near his home in Porterdown. He was the brother of a former Unionist member of the Ulster Convention. The measures to be taken by the police include the sending

of under-cover patrols into middle-class areas most susceptible to attack. Other Irish news, page 4

The Times'

In the past week The Times has lost 333,000 copies because of two unofficial disputes inof two unofficial disputes involving members of the machine assistants chapel of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel and the publishing chapel of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades.

Efforts to resolve the issues through the normal union procedures have so far failed, even though both disputes are being dealt with by the agreed machinery for the industry. Both claims involve demands for extra payments that, in the for extra payments that, in the view of the company, are unjustified and in any case would be outside the pay policy.

The Times apologizes to its readers, advertisers and distributors, particularly in Scotland, Ireland, the North of England

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Tr Rees in :licate' talks police pay

face of growing demands by officers for the right to strike es, the Home Secretary, held te" pay talks with the Police ion. He also met the Police which represents local authorities. e federation will meet today to the pay offer made last Friday consider future action. Three llots by police in Northumbria, orkshire and Northumbria, own large majorities in favouright to strike Page

n curbs lifted

que encounter

ns in Uganda were freed yes-from the restrictions imposed r movements last Friday. A they were ordered to attend rsident Amin today was put off Page 9

van der Stoei, who is in Prague official visit, has Dr. Jan i, a spokesman of the Charter ment, which is demanding radom Page 8

The liberalization of Damascus

A change of style by the Syrian regime has transformed Damascus. The familiar police state atmosphere has given way to a city of tourist hotels where British and American magazines are on display at the news stands and Syrian news-papers actually criticize the Government

Mrs Gandhi booed Mrs Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, opening her election campaign in Delbi, drew boos and derisive laughter from the crowd when she admitted her Government had made mistakes.

More foreign doctors Fewer British graduates are seeking a career in the hospital service and reliance is being placed increasingly on

overseas doctors, according to new evidence put to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service by the British Hospital Doctors' Associator

Dr Owens debut Dr David Owen made his debut as Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons vesterday with a " tour d'horizon" in which he assessed Britain's role in

New York crisis as aid is withheld

New York is facing financial chaos once again after the Carter Administration again after the Carter Administration decided to withhold \$255m emergency aid. The city needs at least \$200m, some of it by Monday, but Washington says it will not help until politicians, unions and banks there end disputes preventing a self-financing scheme Page 8

US plan for energy

President Carter is to set up a new Department of Energy with a budget of \$10,000m a year and employing 20,000 people. This represents one of the largest American Government the largest American occurs reorganizations for many years.

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allegation that 60 MP3 were paid to lobby for bookmakers was serious con-tempt, the Committee of Privileges has Home News 2, 4, 5 European News 7 Overseas News 8, 9 Appointments 18 Archaeology 18 Aris 13 Church Court Crossword Diary Engagements Features Law Report 18 18 30 16 18 12, 16 12, 16

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TUC team urged to attack

public school 'privilege'

The document urges the committee to ask the Chancellor and Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science to withdraw from private schools the charity economic change.

cost ratepayers £1.5m

Direct billing for water may

figures and said there would the charges through local authbe a saving for consumers. It said 85 per cent of water charges were already collected by direct billing.

Mr K. F. Morgan. chairman of Wycombe's policy and only said the cost of collecting the charges through local authorities was £1.75m. That and about £130,000 a year in interest charges would be saved. "We are firmly convinced there will be a substantial saving for our customers".

Mr Rees meets police on pay as call for right to strike grows

While calls by police officers While calls by police officers for the right to strike were increasing yesterday. Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, held what were described as further delicate discussions? with the Police Federation about pay. He also had talks with the Police Council, which represents the police demployers, the local authorities. The Home Office would not disclose whether Mr Rees was able to make any new proposal able to make any new proposal beyond the compromise pay offer last Friday, which was said to have been within the

The joint central council of the Police Federation, which represents 120,000 officers in England and Wales, is due to meet today to discuss the latest offer and to consider what further action it should take to pursue its minimum demand for a rise of £6 a week in the light of increasing pressure by

Three more police authorities

of ballots showing an over-whelming majority of officers wanting the right to strike, in Northumbria, South Yorkshire, and Nottinghamshire. Not one of about a dozen of the 43 Police Federation branches that have so far de-cided to hold ballots has voted against seeking the right to

against seeking the right to

strike. It is considered likely that the federation's annual meeting in Scarborough in May will vote in favour of resolutions calling for the right to strike and fur affiliation to the TUC. At present police are prohibited by law from taking industrial

The police in Britain have the police in Britain have been on strike only twice this century: in August, 1918, in London, for two days over pay and conditions of work; and the next year in London and the provinces over a clause in the Police Bill introduced after Police Bill introduced after the first strike which probibited membership of any trade union other than a police federation.

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Nuclear reprocessing plan goes to council

By Our Science Editor
The controversial plan to
expand the British Nuclear
Fuels factories at Windscale, Cumbria, in order to reprocess waste-enriched oxide nuclear fuels from Japan, Spain and other countries has been resubmitted to Cambria County Council. The scheme is being sent for consideration to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, who has promised a public inquiry into the development.

Plans for the oxide reprocessing plant were among several applications made yesterday to the council's planning commi-tee for extensions, which would cost a total of 5600m. They were all included in a single application which Mr Shore rejected in December. He

requested separate application.
The renewed applications differ in one important respect from the form of resubmission suggested by the Department of the Environment. They are in four parts, not three.

Two of them are not involved in the public dispute about long-term implications of plutonium storage and radioactive waste disposal, which led to interven-tion by Mr Shore. They are, however, crucial to the develop-ment and safety of existing nuclear energy generation in Britain. One asks for expansion of the plant for reprocessing the natural uranium Magnox fuel used in existing power sta-

The second covers the development of a demonstration pro-cess called Harvest, by which also agreed to modernization of

now stored in liquid form in underground tanks, can be con-verted into glass ingots before they are stored in deep under-ground caverns.

The need for both projects has been recognized by the

Government.

British Nuclear Fuels has divided the contentions enriched oxide fuel reprocessing proposal into two parts. One is for construction of special cooling ponds in which to store the fuel rods before reprocessing, and the second is for the second.

and the second is for the repro-cessing plant itself. As a new application, the two developments will be sent formally to the Department of the Environment under the 21day rule. If a decision is not taken within that time to "call in" an application for an in-quiry planning permission can be granted automatically by the local authority planning com-

British Nuclear Fuels said there was no devious reason for subwas no devious reason for sub-mitting two plans. It em-phasized that the provision of oxide fuel receipt and storage facilities (cooling ponds) would not prejudice any decision that might be taken on the construction of an oxide fuel reprocess-ing plant.

Permission granted: Cumbria County Council's planning committee yesterday gave outline permission for development of the process for storing nuclear waste as glass in cooled storage ponds (our Kendal Correspon-

search for a voting system

continued from page 1 age in proportional representa-tion at a time when the political tide is surging against them, and when there could be a strong swing away from the

to decide on

Some Conservatives also see an advantage for their own party in a PR system, and have less objection to the system for European elections, where no choice of Conservations in choice of Government is in-volved, than they would have for elections to Westminster. But they have a strong objection to a national party list, opening up the way for intrigue and patronage at party head-

They would prefer the country to be divided into 10 or 12 regions, each with a local list of candidates and each set of electors knowing how many Euro-MPs they were going to elect. In that way, it is argued, the power of the party hierarchies would be reduced, and people would have a direct relationship with their local MPs at Strasbours.

at Strasbourg.

Everything depends on the will of the Government to get on with the legislation. If it comes quickly, the Conservatives will stick by their demand for the usual kind of election; if delays are inevitable, they may accept some kind of regional list system. The Government is apparently still undecided.

Society may go to Bath The Royal Photographic Society is considering moving from its premises in Mayfair, London, to Bath. It is holding discussions with Bath City Council and Bath University.

Government has | Exhibition starts Byron's chair

An exhibition of papers be-longing to Scrope Davies, a friend of Byron, which were found in a trunk in a London bank vault last December, opened at the British Museum yesterday.

Mr Victor Lucas, an actor who is lecturing about Davies and his circle at the exhibition, appealed for information about a chair that once belonged to Davies but has not been heard of since the 1890s.

Mr Lucas recalled that Davies was forced to flee from creditors in 1820 and lived for a time in a hay loft in Ostend before moving to Paris, where he died in 1852. Friends sent him the chair which had belonged to Byron.

The chair was later sent back to Britain, where it was owned by George Godwin, editor of The Builder, who collected chairs of famous people, including those of Dickens and Thackeray. Scrope's chair was sold when the collection was disposed of at Oxford between 1891 and 1893.

Mr Lucas said: "Since then Mr Lucus said: "Since then it has, to all intents and purposes, disappeared. I have contacted Sotheby's and Christie's but they cannot help me. It would be intresting to find the chair now that interest in this man has been reawakened by the discovery of this trunk."

The exhibition, organized by the British Library, shows a selection of papers found in Barclays Bank at Pall Mall and explains the background of Davies and his group. Bills, betting slips and letters from his mistress, Lady Frances Webster, give a picture of life in the London of the time.

Government | dilemma on housing policy

By Our Planning Reporter By Our Planning Reporter

Two things have forced the issue of housing policy once more into the political limelight. One is the refusal of some members of the Building Economic Development Council to agree to the publication of a contentious report; the other is the unexplained failure of the Department of the ure of the Department of the Environment to disclose the findings of its own housing

Mr Hugh Rossi, opposition spokesman on housing and land, has accused the Government of deliberate suppression. ment or democrate suppression.

Others, without going so far, say the Labour Party as a whole appears unwilling to face some uncomfortable facts. The economic development report concludes that public expenditure on housing, particularly on subsidies, is becoming an increasingly intolerable burden. It argues that subsidies to commit annual annual control annual annual control annual annual control annual control annual control annual annual control council tenants cost three times as much as tax relief to owner.

as much as tax relief to owneroccupiers, and that rents must
be drastically increased.

Mr John Cuckney, chairman
of the Building Economic Development Council, said yesterday that the subcommittee
appointed to consider longterm measures for improving
housing met eight times last
year but had been unable to
make an agreed recommendation on the draft report. Anything published in the council's name must have the backcil's name must have the back-ing of management, unions and government, and in this in-stance all parties took the view that more work was required

on the report. on the report.

The Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT) has already denied suggestions that the report was suppressed because of union opposition. Mr George Smith the union's secretary, pointed out last week that even a compromise suggestion that it promise suggestion that it should be published as a discussion document was opposed by seven of the committee's 22 members, only two of whom were trade unionists.

The whole question of the relative costs of council tenancy and owner occupancy bas been repeatedly debated, and wildly conflicting sets of figures have been produced. Defenders of public sector housing argue that present owner occupiers are cushioned by tax relief at the expense of first-time buyers, and that the main reason for the high cost of new council dwellings is the rates at which local authorities are forced to become money are forced to borrow money.

Almost all objective experts

agree that subsidies of every kind are consuming resources urgently needed for new investment. But the Government is clearly unwilling to grasp the nettle and infuriate both its own left wing and homeowners simultaneously, and the Conservatives must know that, once in power, they would face

The British entry in a com-

are British entry in a com-petition for a system to warn of an air attack by the Soviet Union made its first public appearance at the Woodford works of Hawker Siddeley, near Manchester, yesterday. Success might be worth at least £250m to this country. It is a bulbous nose added to a Comet airliner, which contains

a Comet airliner, which contains an advanced radar, developed by Marconi-Elliott. It can iden-tify Soviet bombers at a range

By Our Political Staff

abolition of the City of London, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Conservative spokesman on Treasury affairs, said yesterday.

He told the City Forum that

the heart of Eritain's economy would be gravely injured if the

Labour councillors were to win their "madcap case" for aboli-

"It would be dangerously distracting to overthrow an institu-tion whose only sin is to do its job a great deal more effici-ently than the monstrous GLC", Sir Geoffrey said. "During the

of at least 200 miles. Other deley directo Nato aircraft, ships at sea, and that there we not be alerted to the threat.

If agreed by the Ministry of ing aircraft

Labour views on City

Tory spokesman criticizes

The Prime Minister should tell the Labour Party "busy bodies" of the Greater London Council that he will have noth.

past three years expenditure by the GLC has risen three times as fast as that of the City Corporation.

"The City raises higher rates alone?" Sir Geoffrey asked.

By Arthur Reed

The education debate 3: Teachers split over relevance of parents' views

Primary schools defend modern methods

Preston

Parents and employers who talk of a return to old-fashioned teaching methods are looking back to their schooldays through rosy-tinted spectacles. They remember only the days when they got 10 out of 10 on the blackboard.

So says Mr. Leonard Chaw of 10 on the blackboard.

So says Mr Leonard Chew,
headmaster of Oswaldtwistle
Methodist Primary School,
Lancashire. He adds: "Standards of education have not fall-

remember that the problem of the innumerate and illiterate child has always been with us."

For Mr Chew and his colleagues the world of the small, modern, almost open-plan school he works in and the world of the great debate in Victorian Gothic buildings around the country are still miles apart. Yet as the third regional conference takes place today in Preston, most teachers believe that it might do some good if it persuades parents

By Our Labour Editor

TUC leaders next week will discuss a plan to open top positions in British society to wider competition by curbing

water competition by curbing cash advantages enjoyed by public schools.

The TUC education committee is likely on Tuesday to approve a paper attacking the public schools as a means by which privilege is passed from

one generation to another.

By Christopher Warman

Direct billing of water

charges by the Thames Water Authority from April, 1978, may cost ratepayers £1.5m a year, Wycombe District Coun-cil, Buckinghamshire, said yes-

terday.

The council has protested to

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, and is asking him not to introduce

the system, under which regional water authorities will collect their water and miscel-

laneous service charges direct.
The Thames Water Authority late night disputed the figures and said there would

Defence the radar would be

applied to a fleet of 11 Nimrod military aircraft, which would be placed on constant patrol by

the early 1980s between Nor-way and the eastern Mediter-

In direct competition with the proposal is the American Boeing company's "Awacs" plan for a 707 airliner with a revolving radar on its back.

Britain is technically committed to the Boeing plan, but SirPeter Fletcher, a Hawker Siddeley director, said yesterday that there would be no breach of faith with Nato if Britain ordered the Nimrod early warn.

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than anywhere else in the

goes to the rest of London. For example, the City pays one fifth of the entire ILEA budget."

budget."

The City's huge contribution to the balance of payments might be sharply cut if banks and finance houses were to be driven by still higher rates to move their headquarters to

some other European city. That was already a real risk because rates on many City properties had doubled, even quadrupled,

came each day to work in the City could easily find their jobs at risk if the prudent City Fathers were to be displaced by

in three years.
The 400,000 people

In direct competition with the

£250m contest for radar system

en. These parents do not remember that the problem of

and employers to look at what is happening in schools instead of relying on press reports and hazy memories of their own schooldsys.

started 40 years ago when, he says, primary schools were content to teach arithmetic, English, history, geography, nature studies, scripture and

"Now look at what we are teaching. Arithmetic has teaching. Arithmetic has become geometry and algebra as well. English includes drama, oral expression and creative composition. Nature studies have become the sciences. Singing includes dancing, music, and recorder playing Added to this, we are teaching health, education, dental hygiene, road safety and use of libraries and we are taking children out of school on trips.

"Children are working on a timetable carefully structured to allow them to reach their own potential. If the great-debate alters this it will do a

Citing prewar and up-to-date statistics of the social back-grounds of judges, bank directors, senior army officers and civil servants and ambassadors,

the TUC paper argues that pri-

flicts with the egalitarian prin-ciples of the labour movement.

It adds that the tradition of giving top jobe to expublic schoolboys could be a significant factor behind the failure

resources committee, told the council that it would cost the Water authority £1,515,000 a

year to take over the collection from local authorities, includ-ing £500,000 for extra staff and £500,000 for payment of com-

mission to water companies to

to collect the miscellaneous service charge.

Wycombe council would not be able to make any saving as a result of not collecting those charges because staff were already employed fully in collecting trates. It was unlikely

lecting rates. It was unlikely that any other district council would be able to make savings.

The Thames Water Authority said the cost of collecting

The competition between the

two aircraft is centring on em-ployment prospects within the British aircraft industry as it prepares itself to become

nationalized. The cost of a fleet of each aircraft would work out

of each aircraft would work out at about the same for the Brirish taxpayer; about £260m.

According to Hawker Siddeley and Marconi-Elliott executives the Nimrod proposal would employ 7,000 workers and the Boeing plan 350.

The cost of the 27 Boeing aircraft required, however, would be shared between all the Nato partners, whereas that

the Nato partners, whereas that of the 11 Nimrods would be

Mr Chew's teaching career

The views of Mrs Judith Beardwood, a young primary teacher in charge of develop-ing audio-visual aids in Burnley, are almost identical.

I do not know any primary school in the county that is

school in the county that is not teaching basic numeracy and literacy, she says. "It is just that we are doing much more than this. We are expected to widen children's knowledge into so many other areas. Children today are given more opportunity to talk. They are better at self-expression, creative ability and other skills which cannot be measured."

"We are trying to develop children's concept of numeracy and their understanding of multiplication tables. They are not learning them by rote any more and changing them out in

Mr Keith Walmsley, Principal of Pleckgate High School and Community Centre in Blackburn, says: The world is changing rapidly. We are under pressure from employers to teach today's skills but tomorrow these skills may be

The National Union of School Students yesterday for launched a week of action by at accusing the National Union of m. Teachers of trying to stifle it. in The teachers union had complained to the Secretary of State for Education that NUSS representatives had been invited to take part in the great state.

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when to pake part in the great education debate.

Mr Donald Hopewell, presi-dent of the NUSS, said yester-day: "We should like to run schools jointly between parents and teachers and pupils. But we do not feel we can do that

if they are going to take such a hostile attitude."

children the concept behind the skills so that they can adapt them.

But Mr Peter Windle head of But Mr Peter Windle head of modern languages at St Theodore's School, Burnley is less satisfied. "Some parents are getting a raw deal from the education system", he says. "My three-year-old daughter will get a decent education because she will go to a rural school, but I would not fancy her chances in an inner-city school.

"I do not think the great debate will do any harm. If the people whose children we are educating have no right to well be turning out lamp bulbs. We can see the folly in some of the suggestions coming out of the debate, but ing out of the debate, out some of the points parents are making are valid. At least the so-called educational experts who lead lives away from the classroom are being exposed in public as the fools they so often ara.

The pupils' union, which was founded more than four years ago, has 15,000 members in more than 350 branches. Dur-

ing this action week they will.

it thought that NUSS was poli-

tically motivated and unrepre-

sentative. He said Mrs Wil-

liams's reply indicated that invitations to the NUSS for future conferences of that kind

were by no means guaranteed.

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Walker praise for Shadow Cabinet's housing move

Pupils say teachers' union

is trying to stifle them

By Our Political Correspondent tenants there were many voices

Mr Peter Walker, Conservative Party and
elsewhere who argued that
such a scheme would be unfair a prominent member of Mr Heath's Administration and a strong supporter of Mr Heath in the leadership election, last . We want to put that right." night welcomed the Shadow Cabiner's conversion to his views about council housing.

He said a recent statement by Michael Heseltine, the Conservative spokesman on the environment was the first admission by any member of Mrs Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet that it was the council tenant who had had a bad deal since

Speaking at Dagenham, Mr Walker said: "When two years ago I started my campaign to tenants who had paid rent transfer the ownership of 30 years or more about 8 council houses to the existing cent of the total.

to owner occupiers."

Mr Heseltine had said : "The council tenant has been conned.

Mr Welker said last night: "The recognition by Mr Hesel-tine of this dramatic difference does mean that the Tory Party will have to bring a new approach to its attitude to council house tenants. It would be wrong to try to reduce hous-ing subsidies."

He concluded that the only

kind of scheme that would help the third of the population who lived in council houses was one in which bouses would be given without further payments to tenants who had paid rent for

Planning board's stand on quarrying attacked

From Our Correspondent Matlock

The Peak Park Planning Board was attacked yesterday by representatives of industry and Derbyshire County Council for its allegedly restrictive attitude to quarrying in the park area of Derbyshire. The criticism came during a public hear-ing at Buxton to examine the Peak park structure plan for the next 20 years. Mr Kenneth Parker, the park

planning officer, said the board would in future want to apply

four main criteria to mineral planning applications. They would include consideration of whether the proposal was vital to the public interest and whether it was clear beyond all doubt that there was no prac-ticable alternative source of

For Derbyshire County Council, Mr Barry Crisp said it was unreasonable to say that in a park area of 500 sq suites there were no places where furne mineral working was acceptable.

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Mr Prentice to address Tories

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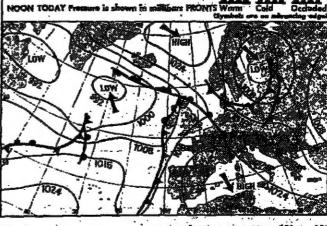
For Derbyshire County Council, Mr Barry Crisp said it was unreasonable to say that in a park area of 500 sq miles there were no places where future mineral working was acceptable.

The hearing was adjourned.

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Mr Reg Prendice, Labour for Newham, North-east, w fighting left wing attemptonest him at the next general time and support club run by the servative Political Centre. It will be at the club, run the Aldershot and North Hampshire division of centre on May 16. The capting platforms to member other parties.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Full moon: March 5.

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Lighting up: 6.13 pm to 6.12 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.26
am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 11.50 pm; 5.9m.
(19.4ft). Avonmouth, 4.14 am,
10.5m (34.3ft); 4.55 pm. 11.1m
(36.3ft). Dover, 8.49 am, 5.5m
(18.0ft): 9.17 pm. 5.7m (18.7ft).
Hull, 3.41 am, 5.9m (19.2ft); 3.55
pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Liverpool. 8.53
am, 7.7m (25.4ft); 9.20 pm, 8.0m
(26.1ft).

London, East Anglia, Midlands.
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Borders: Dull at first, drizzle and
tog, becoming brighter; wind SW.



day: Rather cloudy, rain at bright intervals. Sea passages: S North Smalt of Dover: Wind SW small of Jover: wind Sweats of fresh; sea modern English Channel (E), St Ge Channel, Irish Sea: Win fresh, locally strong later moderate, locally rough.

Yesterday London: Temp: max 6 a. pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 p. ant, 3°C (48°F); min 6 p. ant, 3°C (48°F). Humidity 96 per cent. Rain, 24hr tr 0.17in, San, 24hr to 6 p. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, millihars, rising.

1,000 millihars=29.53in.



Directors entertained council leader, QC says

Two company directors entertained a ciry council leader and an official on an excessive scale, a jury at Swansea Coven Court was told yesterday. "You may think it was a staggering scale". Mr Aubrey Myerson, QC, for the prosecution, said.

In the dock were Gerald Augustine Murphy, aged 47, the former leader of Swansea Companies, Ever Warming Companies, Ever Warming

Schools closed in protest at spending cuts By Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Schools in Essex and Cam-

bridgeshire were closed yesterday as the National Union of Public Employees embarked on a programme of disruptive action designed to warn the Government that any continuation of the social contract would be in jeopardy if it persisted with wide-ranging public spending cuts. The union, whose members

have tabled many resolutions against pay-restraint policies for debate at its annual conference, plans a series of days of action in the hope of influencing the Government to adopt more socialist policies.
It hopes that its campaign will be supported by other unions. The union was chiefly

responsible for organizing, last

November, one of the biggest

demonstrations against the Government since it took office. In Cambridgeshire, more than hundred schools were closed. In Essex, where the union was joined by members of the General and Municipal Workers' Union on a one-day strike, 400 of the county's 750 schools were closed, giving

Union members were protesting against county council plans for an £3m economy package that might mean the loss of 2,180 jobs, mostly those of part-time workers in schools. At Chelmsford marchers, including firemen, protested against proposals to approve a rate rise for the county of 91p in the pound, an in-rease of 18.6 per cent.

125,000 pupils a day off.

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Pressure will be low to the NW
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of 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, SW, NW, Scotland, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Cloudy with hill fog, occasional rain, perhaps snow in Highlands; wind SW, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland; Cloudy, rain; wind SE, moderate; becoming SW; max temp 7°C (45°F).

N Ireland: Cloudy, rain at times, hill fog; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Fri-WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drimle ;

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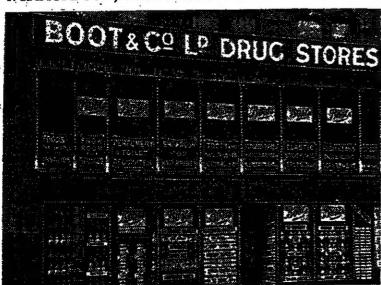
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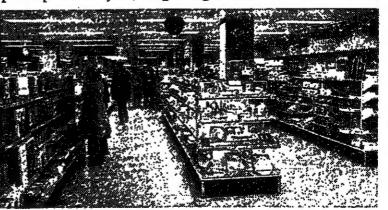
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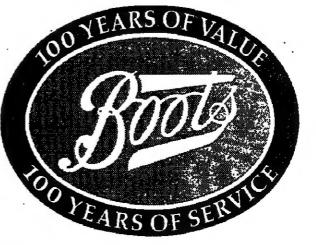
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The modern interior of a typical Boots department store. This is the newly-opened one at Mansfield.

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Catholic demands for inquiry into bomb suspect's window fall from Belfast police barracks

Representatives of a wide section of Northern Ireland's minority Roman Catholic community yesterday called for an independent inquiry into circumstances surrounding the fall of a Belfast man from the second-storey window of a police barracks in the ciry.

The incident took place late on Monday after the man, Mr Edward Rooney, aged 25, had been in police custody for 15 hours. He had been arrested at dawn by troops on suspicion of a bomb offence.

of a bomb offence.

Last night he was still unconscious in hospital with a fractured skull and collapsed lung, sustained in the 25ft full on to the roof of a parked car.

At noon yesterday the Royal Ulster Constabulary issued an uncharacteristically detailed and lengthy statement saying that Mr Rooney had deliberately jumped from the window while being interrogated by two detectives. It maintained that at all times he had been treated properly and that his treated properly and that his action was "not in any way caused by the conduct of the police officers".

Discussions by senior police officers during the morning are understood to have covered the serious propaganda dangers in the incident which comes when allegations of police brutality are widespread in Ulster and the Republic of Ireland. Last month a republican suspect was badly injured when he jumped out of a police station window

in co Tipperary.

Those demanding an inquire

Men assaulted old people in their homes

Two men who assaulted and robbed three elderly people in their homes were sent to a young offenders' institution by the High Court in Glasgow

yesterday.

A third who stole from the houses was sent to a young offenders' institution for 15

John Toal, aged 20, of Myreside Street, and Gordon Hutcheon, aged 18, of Carntyne Road, both Carntyne, Glasgow, admitted assault and robbery. Charles Caven. aged 20, of Myre-side Street, Carntyne, admitted

stealing.

Mr Brian Gill, for the prosetion, said they forced Mr
Charles Blair, aged 62, of Innerleith Street, Carntyne, to crawl
on the floor at their feet and

wheld a pillow over his face.
Shortly afterwards they entered the home of Mr
Thomas Catternole, aged 75, who is blind, and Miss Mary Nolan, aged 62, in Peniculck, Terence Welker, MP, for Kingstreed that the appropriate the continuous continuo

into the latest incident in-cluded Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and the Provi-sional Sinn Fein, which described the incident as an attempt to "South Africanise" the Ulster situation. During the afternoon women blocked afternoon women blocked streets in areas near the bar-racks in the Springfield Road

in protest. in protest.

In making his demand Mr
Fitt, Westminster MP for Belfast. West, said: "Even in a
normal society an incident like
this would have to be looked
into. In Northern Ireland,
where half the population believe one thing and half
another, a full inquiry is vital".

Because Mr Rooney remained
unconscious, there was no direct

unconscious, there was no direct evidence to contradict the RUC's version of events. But a number of pro-republican pressure groups maintained that the structure of the barracks, which also houses the 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regi-ment, cast doubt on the police

Mr Leo Wilson, chairman of Mr Leo Wilson, chairman of the local branch of the Associ-ation for Legal Justice, said: "Considering the highly forti-fied nature of the barracks, the police story of a break for freedom from a second-storey window into a nenclosed and heavily guarded courtyard must be severely questioned ".

The RUC's statement did not attempt to give a reason for Mr Rooney's action. It explained that it took place after a normal day in which he had been examined by a doctor at the barracks, had eaten two

meals in his cell and had been interrogated twice.

It continued: "At 9.50 pm, while being interviewed in a second-floor room, he too two detectives completely by surprise by leaping from his sear and diving through a glass window. The police officers concerned with interviewing him, and with his welfare while in custody, state without reservation that Rooney was at all times treated properly."

TheRUC also pointed out that on the basis of evidence in its possession the police intended to prefer an explosives

tended to prefer an explosives charge against Mr Rooney at a

charge against Mr Rooney at a later stage.

Tory visitor: Mr John Biggs-Davison, deputy Conservative spokesman on Ulster, vesterday visited the province for talks with leaders of the loyalist Vanguard Party (the Press Association reports). Afterwards a vanguard report said the talks had been useful and encouraging.

encouraging. Diana Geddes writes: Four Belfast women, relatives of republican prisoners in Long Kesh and Crumlin Road fails, chained themselves to railings at the entrance to Downing Street yesterday to protest against the ending of special-category status for political prisoners in Northern Ireland

prisoners in Northern Ireland exactly a year ago.

The women, wearing only blankers over their underwear, were cut free by police officers and taken to Canon Row police station, where they were charged with obstructing the footway. They are due to appear in court this morning.

Mrs Williams mediates in Avon education dispute

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr W. J. Hutchinson, Chief has intervened with Avon Executive of Avon, Mrs County Council over the appointment of a chief educahas intervened with Avon County Council over the appointment of a chief education officer.

When Mr Derrick Williams, the previous officer, resigned in October he said it was because Avon's version of the corporate management system prevented any effective direc-tion of the education service by himself or the education committee.

The Society of Education Officers later advised its mem-bers to check with the society before applying for the post because it considered that the

cation Officers. The letters con-firm what was said at a meeting held by Mrs Williams at her department to mediate between the authority and the society. Avon has promised a review of its corporate management structure, which it says, had been planned for about this time. The council says the new chief education officer will be given a free hand to reorganize his own department within arrangements agreed at his

job specification did not clear up any of the doubts raised by afterwards they have home of Mr Cattermole, aged 75, lind, and Miss Mary ed 62, in Peniculck, Both were attacked at a radio stolen.

The Society of Education of Garda headquarters in Dublin the society said yesterday:

"Officers has accepted those assurances and has told its members that the application that the application of a fingerprint on an object found near the said he willingly "accepted the society has also sent out a copy of Mr Hutchioson's letter and saked for further information to be sent to all applicants.

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Garda 'tried to conceal' error over fingerprint From Christopher Walker

Irishmen occasionally pro-duce a real-life story as incred-ible and as damaging as any of the fictions so frequently told against them.

The latest concerns the authenticity of what was thought to be the most significant clue to the identities of the men responsible for the assassination last July of the former British Ambassador in Dublin, Mr Christopher Ewart-

A report in yesterday's Irish Times, Dublin's most respected daily newspaper, blended the elements of tragedy and farce in almost equal proportions. For, according to two of the apper's most senior reporters. paper's most senior reporters, a fingerprint circulated by the Garda to Scotland Yard and the Royal Ulster Constabulary as that of a man involved in the murder is now understood to be that of an expert in the Garda's technical bureau.

The print was discovered on a helmet found close to the scene of the ambush at the foot of the Wicklow mountains. At the time the helmet was thought to have been worn by a man who had posed as an electricity worker while laying the land-

mine.

The Irish Times reported yesterday that first tests on the helmet were negative. Three days after the amoush, however, a Garda fingerprint expert announced that a print on the helmet matched that of a wanted Provisional IRA man believed to be living in North believed to be living in North-ern Ireland.

This discovery was related to Mr Edmond Garvey, the Garda Commissioner, who told the Irish Government, which passed the information to London and Belfast. The discovery was seen as a breakthrough, and investigations began.

Soon afterwards a second Garda expert, who had not taken part in the discovery of the print, examined the helmet. He and a colleague reported to their superiors that the print was not that of the named sus-pect, but rather the fingerpriot of a technical officer who had handled the helmet.

The Irish Times yesterday said that the two experts were discouraged from going to the commissioner at the time and were effectively demoted while tension built up among staff at the bureau, which is the only fingerprint unit in the Irish



Mr Peter Brooke, the new MP for the City of London and Westminster. South, arriving at the Commons yesterday to take his seat, accompanied by his wife, Joan, and their three sons.

Protest at dismissal of priest

Mrs Betty Williams, a founder of the Ulster peace movement, said in Leeds yesterday that she hoped people would demonstrate outside the home of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds in protest against the dismissal of Mgr Michael Buckley, the movement's leader

Buckley, the movement's leader in England, as director of Wood Hall ecumenical centre at Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Mrs Williams, who flew to Leeds yesterday, said the dismissal had "shocked and disgusted the entire peace movement. The movement keeps getting hit by one tidal wave after another but this is the biggest one we have had to face yet".

Mgr Buckley was dismissed from the Wetherby centre by the bishop. Dr Wheeler, at the weekend and offered a post as a parish priest or a year's sabbatical. In a letter the bishop told him that intensive work should not be placed on an individual for too long.

Self-reliance theme in 'ecological college'

By Pearce Wright Science Editor Proposals for a new type of Proposals for a new type of college to prepare students to be self-reliant have been made by Mr Peter Abbs, a lecturer at Sussex University, and Mr Graham Carey, senior lecturer in art at Bingley College, West Vorkebire

The suggestions contrast sharply with those put recently by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, which demand an em-phasis on science and mathematics.

The two lecturers suggest that people can be made self-sufficient through practical and theoretical knowledge of many skills and processes. They would include bread-mak-ing, brewing and 'distilling, food preservation and building. Building should cover the use of natural energy sources. use of natural energy sources, training in selfreliance.

Occupations at two colleges as third called off

A thousand Southampton University students took over-their main administration block for a 48-hour sit-in yesterday. They are protesting against a big proposed increase in tuition

They promised that there rould be no wilful damage or violence. They say fees for post-graduates and undergraduates are to be doubled in October. At Kingston Polytechnic, London, 250 students occupied college buildings for 24 hours in protest against plans to in-crease fees for overseas

Sheffield University students decided to end their occupation of the university's administra-tive offices at midnight tonight provided certain demands, as yet unknown, are met.
Staff at the university had decided to cancel lectures if the occupation continued.

Rate rise of 10.6p Hertfordshire County Council approved a rate of 69.1p in the pound yesterday, an increase of 10.6p.

and food preservation would need a knowledge of drying, salting, smoking and pickling. There would also be training in dairy production and the

bandry. The arguments for the so-called Ecological College edu-cation are obtlined in the Eco-logist magazine and produced fully in Proposals for a new College to be published later this month. Mr Abbs and Mr Cares

maintain that preparations are necessary for a post-industrial age rather than latter-day industrial revolution. Production would be restricted to genuine

The suggested new college would have no servants to do the cooking, washing and cleaning Most of the domestic work would form part of the

Police search for killer of girl aged four

South Wales police were trying yesterday to piece together the final hours of Gaynor Cooke, aged four, who was found strangled in a lane near her home in Tonypandy, Mid Glamorgan, on Monday night.

She left her grandmother's house to visit a friend at 3,45 pm. Her body was found by her mother at 7.10 pm. One theory was that she had been killed elsewhere and dumped

in the lane.

People who walked along the lane before about 6 pm did not see the body. No motive for the murder was apparent last

Loan burden unacceptable'

Mid Sussex District Council has a loan debt of £23m, for housing and other matters, equal to £215 a head of the

population.

The policy committee is asking the finance committee to discuss ways of reducing this "unacceptable burden on the ratepayers".

In Brief £81,300 for girl crippled at 18

Miss Susan Klippel, aged 22, who was crippled by brain damage in a road crash when she was aged 18, was awarded £81,300 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

It was said that Miss Klippel, of Thistledene, Thames Ditton, Surrey, needed constant attention by her mother. By consent, tion by her mother. By consent, judgment was given against M'Robin Van-Tucka, the driver of the car in which Miss Klippe was travelling, and its owner Mr Z. W. Singocki, both c Disraeli Road, Ealing. Ht mother was awarded £4,00 agreed damages, and her fiath 5700.

Flats agency fined £350

Low Cost Accommodation Ltd, of Oxford Street, London was fined £350 with £54 cost, and £70 compensation at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, for accepting fees from flat hunters without suiting them. The company, which has stopped trading, admitted seven offences under the Accommodation Agencies Act, 1953, of accepting a total of £95 from customers in consideration of undertaking to supply particulars of accommodation or fo registration.

Rate protest by deputy mayor

Magistrates at Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, granted a distress warrant against the town's deputy mayor, Councillor Eric Hodges, yesterday for non-payment of £61.57 rates. Mr Hodges said he withheld the money to draw attention to a pot-holed road used by elderly

After the hearing Mr Hodges said he would organize a rate revolt unless action was taken after a meeting with county council officials next week.

Union closes file on 'bribery' case

Leaders of the Amalgameted Union of Engineering Workers' decided yesterday to take no further action over the case of further action over the case of Mr Robert Knight; former shop, stewarts' convener at British, Leyland's body plant at Castle Bromwich, Eirmingham, who was dismissed from his job after bribery allegations.

But the allegations were found "not proven", and Mr Knight will keep his union card. He may appeal.

Drug overdose death Mr Thousas Cuthbert Wors-

ley, author , broadcaster and critic, who was found dead in his flat in Brighton last month, at the age of 68, die dfrom a drug overdose, the East Sussex Coroner said when he formally opened the inquest yesterday.

Bishop's home raided

Paintings valued £4,000 were sto £4,000 were stolen from Eishop's House, Eastgate, Lincoln, while the bishop, Right Rev Simon Phipps, his wife were asleep.

Sir Alec Guinness

Sir Alec Guinness will enter hospital for a hernia operation next month and has cancelled an arrangement to appear in a play at Manchester's new Royal Exchange Theatre in May.

Baby unit to reopen

The maternity unit at the Royal Free Hospital, London, which was closed three weeks ago after an outbreek of colitis, will reopen next Wednesday.

Man senior to commander 'may have taken bribes' A Scotland Yard officer even restaurant in Jermyn Street, will be, that it is on the top give him £1,000. They went into in Shepherd Market and gave one senior than former Com- Piccadilly. A Scotland Yard officer even restaurant in Jermyn Street, will be, that it is on the top give him £1,000. They went into in Shepherd Market and gave him the £1,000 he had promised

appointment.

Wallace Virgo mander have been on the payroll of pornography dealers and Soho strip club owners, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court

Mr David Tudor Price, continuing his opening for the Crown in the trial of six former detectives of Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad, made the allegation when explaining to the jury how Commander Virgo collected an alleged £2,000 a month in bribe

money.

He said that in Jonuary, 1970,
Bernard Silver, a well known
Soho criminal, and James
Humphreys, a Soho strip club and property owner, mer Mr matter of inference. But in Virgo at the Ile de France Scotland Yard, the evidence

According to Mr Humphreys, Mr Virgo said he was upset because he was receiving only £1,000 out of the £10,000 Mr Humphreys had said was being paid to Det Chief Supt Alfred Moody, then in charge of the obscene publications squad, for a licence to run obscene bookshops in the West

Mr Humphreys told Mr Virgo to ask Mr Moody for more money counsel said. Mr Virgo said he had done so but all Mr Moody would say was that the money had "gone upthe money had

stairs Mr Tudor Price said: "What he meant by "upstairs" is a matter of inference. But in

officers are accommodated. The inference is that he had paid the money to somebody more senior than Virgo."

He said an arrangement was then made that Mr Virgo should receive £500 a week

payable at the rate of £2,000 a month, with an extra pay-ment of £2,000 at Christmas. The first Crown witness. James Humphreys, said he knew Mr Moody, Mr Virgo, Mr Tilley, and Mr Brown and had seen the other defendants. In seen the other defendants. In 1969, when he told Mr Virgo tollet and Silvers and I followed he could not get licences for his bookshops, Mr Virgo told him: "I can soon arrange that. Bill Moody was my old squad sergeont and I'll speak to him."

Mr Humphreys said he would dinner Moody went to the tollet and Silvers and I followed him. I gave my hag to Silvers and in my presence in the toilet he handed the two bags to Bill Moody."

After he opened the shop he met Mr Virgo in Dolly's Club

days later Mr Humphreys went with Mr Silvers to the Empress Restaurant, in Berkeley Street, where he met Mr Moody. A conversation followed about a licence for 55 Rupert Street.

Mr Humphreys said that at a second meeting they agreed on a licence for a £4,000 down payment and £100 a week. "I had £2,000 in a brown paper bag, and Silvers had a brown paper bag as well. After dinner Moody went to the toilet and Silvers and I followed

him the £1,000 he had promised
The defendants are: Mr Virgo,
of the Walled Garden, Horse
Lane Orchard, Ledbury, Hereford;
Alfred Moody, aged 51, retired
detective chief superintendent, of
Ellesmere Road, Weybridge,
Surrey; Rodney Lawrence Tilley,
aged 46, former detective inspector and now licensee of the Rule
and Square, Edlesborough, Buckinghamshire; Leslie Alton, aged
48, a retired police inspector, of
Harefield Avenue, Cheam, Surrey;
Bernard Peter Brown, aged 44, a
retired detective constable, now a
publican of The Plough, Coldharbour, Dorkings, Surrey; and
David Gareth Hamer, aged 34, a
detective sergeant still in the
force but suspended from duty, of
Courtwood Lane, Addington, All
have pleaded not guilty, variously, have pleaded not guilty, variously, to 27 charges of conspiracy and

The trial continues today.

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The Areas for Expansion

Vaccinations

polio down

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday that there had been a drop of a third in the number of children being vaccinated against poliomyelitis.

In a statement Mr Ennals urged parents "not to play Russian roulette" with the disease. He said: "The virus is always in the population. Until recently there have been few cases of the disease because of the high degree of protection gained from vaccination. But more children are now in danger than at any time in the past decade; and there are clear

decade; and there are clear signs that the number of cases

signs that the number of cases of polio is steadily increasing. Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said in a letter to the Prime Minister yesterday that thousands of parents were rejecting the Government's immunication or occurrence line.

by a third

against

Evidence shows NHS is more reliant on foreign doctors

New evidence showing the diminishing number of Eritish graduates seeking a career in the hospital service and the increasing reliance being placed on overseas doctors to provide a service in hospitals has been put before the Royal Commission on the National Health

The evidence has been sub-mixted by the British Hospital Doctors' Federation and suggests that something is seriously amiss if the NHS cannot provide an attractive career for British

Unless present trends are reversed and careers made more professionally and financially satisfying the outlook for the hospital service is bleak, it says.

The federation, which represents the Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association and the Junior Hospital Doctors' Association, says the number of Association, says the number of senior registrar and consultant posts remaining unfilled for lack of suitable applicants is an indictment of the incentives

offered.

Workers' camp-site pledge

workers who were ordered by a High Court judge to vacate Ponting Tower Beach camp at statyn, North Wales, yester-will spend today tidying the £2m site.

in the condition in which we found it." Mr Barry Scragg, the site convener of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, said. "Our lads have been under strict instructions not to damage any pro-

regional health authorities showed that for a total of 612 registrar posts, 1,009 applicants were British and 7,796 from overseas. Of those appointed 385 were from overseas doctors, representing 67.9 ner cent. comrepresenting 62.9 per cent, com-pared with 227 (27.1 per cent) British graduates.

A small sample of regional hospital authorities showed that of 363 applications for senior registrar posts 207 were from overseas and 156 from British graduates. For consultant posts, the figures were 376 applicants the figures were 376 applicants, 183 from overseas and 193 British.

British.

Senior registrar positions went to 23 British and 20 overseas graduates and 42 British and nine overseas doctors were appointed at consultant level.

The federation observes that "the consultants of four to six

years hence are drawn from the registrars of today".

It foresees an increase soon in the number of overseas-born consultants. However, "should they choose to return to their own countries or an elsewhere own countries, or go elsewhere, there will be a dearth of suit-ably trained doctors to fill con-

Consultants' posts, which should be the pinnacle of a hospital doctor's career, were becoming less attractive because of grievances over salaries, long hours and heavy workloads and harassment by Government and anions.

Inquiries with nine of the 14

ably trained doctors to fill consultant posts."

Unemployment fear: Unemployment is inevitable among doctors unless the numbers entering medical schools are cut by about a thousand to 2,600 a year, junior hospital doctors to fill consultant posts."

The two hundred building The JCB digger blocking the main gates since the sit-in began 35 days ago will be

the picketing would go on. "We shall start a fresh rota "We intend to hand it over from Thursday when we move the condition in which we out", he said, "and picket the site to prevent any move by the management to bring in outside labour to finish the job. We want a peaceful settlement and a swift return to work so that our grievances can be inde-pendently examined."

pulled clear. Mr Scragg said

calls for a Welsh law college

From Trevor Fishlock

Cardiff Plaid Cymru calls for the founding of a Welsh law college in evidence submitted to the Royal Commission on Legal Services, published yesterday. The party also wants better training and facilities for lawyers who wish to practise in Welsh.

It suggests that more judges

It suggests that more judges should be appointed and says the backlog in civil and criminal cases has arisen because there are too few.

The party says: "In the event of an elected assembly acquiring substantial legislative powers, the powers of the Law Society should devolve to a Welsh law society responsible for a law college, for the education of barristers and solicitors and for controlling legal aid."

aid."
Declaring that the position of Welsh in the law needs urgent attention, it continues: "Although there is no lack of lawyers there is a lack of lawyers able to provide legal services through Welsh. This is because professional instruction is exclusively in English. The Welsh Language Act, 1967, purported to give equal validity to weish Language Act, 1967, purported to give equal validity to Welsh in legal proceedings but the machinery to achieve this has not been set up. An increasing number of solicitors genuinely wish to provide legal services in Welsh and the legal education system should provide for this."

The party says witnesses and litigants often avoid having cases dealt with in Welsh because they find the translation cause they find the translation humiliating and because they think that requests to have cases heard in Welsh might prejudice them. "Cases should be dealt with in Welsh without translation in areas where the Welsh-speaking population is high."

Plaid Cymru deplores the intention to end legal aid in undefended divorce cases, "The effect will be counter-produc-tive because the parties involved will initially defend divorce cases to get legal aid."

Plaid Cymru | Man in the news: Sir Denys Lasdun, an 'architect's architect'

Top honour for National Theatre's creator

By John Young Planning Reporter

Planning Reporter

Sir Denys Lasdun, architect of the National Theatre, has been awarded this year's Royal Gold Medal for Architecture. The citation by the Royal Institute of British Architects states that he has created a body of work that has rightly earned him both national and international praise and respect. "Although a thoughful and inspiring speaker and writer on those rare occasions when he shows himself, he has shunned the temptations of becoming the temptations of becoming a public figure and has focused

his intellect and imagination on making architecture, the cita-tion continues. By his contemporaries Sir Denys is regarded as an "archi-tects' architect", modest and retiring and reluctant to pub-licize his own work. By the standards of Colonel Richard Seifert, for example, he is any-

rue, has created some controversy, but in general his reputation rests on his ability to create original buildings that still succeed in blending outside in surroundings. An outside in their surroundings of their surroundings. still succeed in blending with their surroundings. An outstanding example is the Royal College of Physicians, in Regent's Park, which, perhaps more than any other of his works, firmly established him among the top half-dozen postwar British architects.

An admirent received we do

thing but prolific, nor is he as controversial as, say, the late Sir Basil Spence. The National Theatre, it is

An admirer yesterday des-cribed Sir Denys as the Henry Moore of architec-ture, not in terms of out-put but because he com-bines self-effacement with self-criticism. He had a burner as the criticism. "He is always ready to answer questions, explain why he did something a certain way and then perhaps ask whether it might not have been



Sir Denys : Reluctant renown.

better done differently."

Among his other well known buildings are the University of East Anglia; Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge; blocks of flats in districts as diverse as Bethnal Green and St James's Place, London (the latter a typical example of his readiness to accept the character of the surroundings); and the new headquarters of the European Investment Bank in Luxem-

But until the National Theatre, which the RIBA insists was not the motive for the award, he was little known to the general public. That may change with the completion of the new extensions to London University in Bloomsbury, when The Sunday Times complained testily that the character of the area was being ruined Sir Denys quietly asked the critics to wait until the his critics to wait until the work was finished.

Born in 1914, he was educa-ted at Rugby and the Architec-tural Association, and is married with two sons and a

immunization programme. Un-less urgent action was taken there was a danger of epidemics. Mr Ashley urged Mr Callaghan to intervene by coordinating the efforts of the three ministers concerned to encourage immunization,

are criticized The European Commission has suggested standards for water in which shellfish grow that are impracticable and mis-guided, the chairman of a Lords

EEC proposals

on shellfish

committee said yesterday.

Opening a session of the environment subcommittee of the European Communities, Lady White (Labour), the chairman, said that a draft directive on the subject was extremely un-

Satisfactory.

One of three witnesses, Dr
R. H. G. Charles, Chief Medical
Officer at the Department of
Health and Social Security, said that what mattered was not the water -but the shellfish that

BBC may give the news a little amplification By a Staff Reporter

The BBC's 9 o'clock television news bulletin may be extended to include "a little explanatory and amplifying material", Sir Charles Curran, Director-General of the BBC, said yesterday. "I am not saving we will".

he added. "I am saying it is possible. But if we so down that path we have to ask ourselves how long the viewers will stay with us." The average viewer, in his

opinion, had no insatiable appetite for news bulletins, taking each bulletin as an item in itself. " People will quote the United

States and they will forget that news presentation is very different there in personality terms alone, and that there are time zones which vary as you go across country and local variants which substantially modify the network picture. "I have severe doubts established between the whether a bulletin longer than caster and the viewer."

half an hour is going to be easily accepted by our British audiences."

Sir Charles, who was lecturing at Goldsmiths' College on "BBC journalism: the relevance of structures", said: "For reasons which relate to the receptivity of the audience, I think there are good arguments for running news and current affairs programmes separately for the most part. I do not regard this as an absolute and inviolable principle. I simply suggest that for much of the time it is a wise policy to follow."

There was the question of viewer intolerance; but, per-haps more important, that of how the viewer perceived the contents of the programmes on offer to him.

"We do not know nearly enough about this subject, and we ought to be finding out, but I am sure that the fundamental requirement is for trust to be established between the broad-

Antique dealer pays only part of insurance dues His refusal to pay was coupled, he said, with a protest against the "penal" level of taxation. He said he did not contest the legality of the Department of Health and Social Security's claim. The Social Security Act, 1975, had introduced a new class of national insurance contribution

Mr David C. Kelly, an antique dealer, of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, who refused to pay his full national insurance contribution as a matter of principle, was ordered yesterday to pay within 28 days.

After a hearing in chambers
Mr Kelly said he did not intend
to pay and would go to prison if

to pay and would go to prison in necessary.

Mr Kelly, who is a former official of the National Federation of Self-Employed, is opposed to the new class of national insurance for the self-employed. He withheld about £43, which he deemed to be "tax relief". 'tax relief".

Spoon caused death

Miss Doris Hunt, aged 49, of High Trees, Shirley, died of metal poisoning after swallowing a silver-plated teaspoon, it was stated at an inquest at Croydon, Greater London, yes-

for the self-employed and, under that the calculation of what he owed was a correct assessment. He said that in making his deduction he was concerned not with the law but with justice and "especially with the immorality of such levies as at present being made by a state

seemingly knowing no bounds to its insatiable apperite".

national insurance contribution

Church yandals Three fourteenth-century misericords have been damaged by vandals at St Mary's Church, Nantwich, Cheshire.

More Home News on page 12.

Allegation that MPs are paid to lobby for bookmakers 'serious contempt'

A report in a Sunday news-per that there is a powerful pokmakers lobby in Parlia-ent and that "as many as J MPs are receiving payments or inducements to promote the cause of bookmaking in the Commons was adjudged to be a serious contempt of the House n a Committee of Privileges report published yesterday.
The committee found the allegations "without founda-tion" and recommended that he House should accept the

committee had been morticle published in the

an interview with Mr Anthony ledge the Horserace Totalisator Stratton-Smith, a racehorse owner and member of the Horserace Totalisator Board. "Privately, the Tote are pre-pared to claim that as many as 60 MPs are receiving payments or inducements to promote the cause of bookmaking in the Commons", the article stated.

Mr Geoffrey Pinnington, editor of the Sunday People, told the committee that the allegation of payments for MPs was made more than once to the journalist conducting the iltor's apology and not pursue interview. He considered it relevant to the possibility that the committee had been bookmakers might be national to consider a complaint alized. He drew the com-Ir Marcus Lipton, Labour mittee's attention to a similar or Lambeth, Central, that allegation in the New Statesmon

of January 7.

Board has no opinion in the matter, that the bookmakers lobby consisted of as many as 60 MPs. By the word 'lobby' I meant a substantial number members whose expressed views favour the interests of the bookmaking industry." He said he was not quoted as saying MPs were receiving payments, nor had he said so.

The committee said that the Sunday People allegations amounted to "a serious con-tempt of the House". It added that the New Statesman article was also in contempt, but because there had been no formal complaint, it merited no further attention.

Second Report from the Com-mittee of Privileges, Session 1976-77. Complaint of a passage

have breach of privilege. The committee: "I gave it as my in the Sunday People newspaper pore had included details of private opinion, for to my know- 176. (Sationery Office, 35p.) all to replace area health | BBC ready to set up more Suthorities with districts

Area health authorities should be disbanded and replaced with district authorities, the Associa-tion of Welsh Community Councils says in evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

"The number of tiers of idministrative responsibility hould be reduced and serious onsideration given to the need or both district management sams and area management If it is agreed that these

wo levels are unnecessary it is ecommended that consideration ecommended that consideration hould be given to disbanding ea health authorities." Main plicy functions should be sturned to an all-Wales level; in England a regional level, rith day-to-day functions evolved to districts with the rmation of district health

An agreement under which 10 members of staff are each to be paid £100 disturbance allowance for moving office was defended yesterday by the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

at the executive's headquarters in Exchange Street, Sheffield, will receive the £100 for moving

o Arundel Gate a few hundred ards away. Twenty of the staff

lew hundred yards

a disproportionate amount of time in meetings of various kinds busily trying to coordinate with everyone else but in effect often postponing crucial decisions and having very little time to attend to their other business."

The association says nurses have almost no voice in top management. "Nurses operating at ward-level feel that they are at ward-level feel that they are even more remote from the seat of power. There are so many tiers of nursing management above ward-level today that ward nurses feel that their point of view never reaches top management.

When additional funds are available they usually go to health authorities that already have adequate resources so that rmation of districts with the they can maintain their records, rmation of district health instead of being allocated to thorities.

"Large numbers of health association says.

radio stations

The BBC is ready to go ahead with local radio stations in 26 areas as part of a plan for setting up 45 stations in addi-tion to the 20 existing ones. The areas are listed today in a book-let about local radio, which will be available to the public from next weekend.

They are Alnwick, Aylesbury, Barnstaple, Barrbw. Basingstoke, Cambridge, Canterbury, Chelmsford, Coventry. Dorchester. Exeter. Gloucester. Guildford. Ipswich, Lincoln, Luton. Northampton, Norwich, Peterborough, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Swindon. Taunton, Truro, Worcester and York.

Feasibility studies for the other reasibility studies for the other 19 areas are continuing; all require government approval.

Serving Neighbourhood and Nation (BBC Publications, 35 Marylebone High Street, London WIM 4AA; 30p).

London success: London Broad-

London success: London Broad-casting yesterday announced a sharp increase in advertising revenue, with a total of £100.000 for January. The station's spring plans include a new afternoon programme beginning on March 14, with Barbara Kelly. Sarah Dickinson and Claire Rayner sharing the presentation.

Isles of Scilly planning heads resign in protest

The chairman and vice-chairman of the Isles of Scilly Planning Committee have re-signed because they think the

The £9,000 cost of the allow-noces has led to protests from apposition councillors and rate-sayers organizations. Mr John Osborn, Conservative MP for Sheffield, Hallam, has raised the matter with the Chancellor David Bedford remand | Seamen on drug charge David Bedford, aged 27, the nuer, of Torrington Close, inchiey, London, was resanded until March 17 on bail i 250 at Clerkenwell Magistates' Court yesterday. He is harred with assaulting Ernest lart, causing actual bodily srm, in Rosebery Avenue, insbury, on Fabruary 17.

£100 each for staff to move

By Ronald Kershaw

An agreement under which 30 members of staff are each to be paid £100 disturbance allowance for moving office was defended vesterday by the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

Seventy administrative staff at the executive's headquarters on Exchange Street, Sheffield, The county council controlled the executive's finances through annual budgets. Within the budget it was up to the executive to get the best commercial agreement it could with staff representatives.

Mr Kay said the relocation agreement was precided contact.

ards away. I wenty of the State
I Effingham Square, Rotheram, will receive the payments
or moving 50 yards to
Frederick Street. Mr kay said the relocation ogreement was needed so that staff of all grades could be moved for economy or efficiency. It made possible the setting up of a new radio control room to combat vandalism and assaults on staff. The £9,000 cost of the allow-

Two of the crew of the Malaysian cargo vessel Bunga Molor were remanded in Malaysian cargo vessel Bunga Mclor were remanded in custody for three days at Car-diff Magistrates' Court yester-day, charged with illegally importing 14lb of herbal can-nabis. They are Che Yoob Jusoh, aged 21, and Muniandy Thengavein, aged 24:

signed because they think the committee is relaxing its strict "no development" policy on the main island, St Mary's.

Neither the chairman, Mr Michael Gray, nor the vice chairman, Mrs May Duxbury, attended yesterday's planning meeting and their resignations by letter were reluctantly accepted.

by letter were reluctantly accepted.

Mr William Turner, who was elected chairman yesterday, said: "As far as I am concerned the change of chairmanship does not mean an alteration in our policy. I do not favour more bedrooms at St Mary's."

Five recent applications by Sir Harold Wilson to add a room to his bungalow on St Mary's have been rejected in little over a year under the committee's policy.

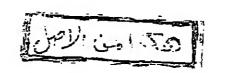
Mr Gray thinks the Committee's decision last month to approve extensions to two dwellings breached the policy of rigid controls on develop-

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Emergency debate on Leyland: PM warns workers foreign cars waiting to pour into Britain

There is to be an emergency debate tomorrow (Wednesday) on the strike situation at British Leyland. tomorrow (weenessay) on the strike situation at British Leyland. The Speaker acceded to a request for the debate after the Prime Minister had stated at question time that he hoped British Leyland workers understood that "nor only European car manufacturers, but the Japanese are simply waiting to pour cars into this country for every car we fall to produce". Mr Maicolm Biffichnd (Edinburgh, Pentiands, C), questioning the Prime Minister about visits to the City of London, said—Both the City of London and British industry are gravely concerned at the fragile condition of British Leyland. In 1975 the Government conceded that future public money for British Leyland would depend on future industrial relations and increased productivity.

Industrial relations are in a par-lous state and productivity is only one third of its total output. When will the Government decide that enough is enough?

enough is enough?

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—He calls attention to a very serious problem. The funds that were made available by the Government and are committed will continue to be made available, but there must be a review of the situation before further funds are committed.

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The Secretary of State for Industry (Mr Varley) has had a letertot today from the National Enterprise Board. The Government are giving serious consideration to this and the Secretary of State will make a statement as soon as we have been able to conclude our deliberations.

deliberations.

Meantime, I would only say on the subject of industrial relations that I recognize the difficulties that arise as the result of the pay policy of the last two years and that it has created difficulties with differentials, but it has been a necessary step in overcoming inflation.

I would say to those who are concerned about the differentials that perhaps the biggest differen-tial of all is between the man who is in a job and the man who is out of one, and more could be out of

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C)—The most helpful thing he can say to British Leyland is that stage three of his pay policy will be more flexible. It would be the supreme irony if it was the social contract that in the end was responsible for bringing down Bri-

Mr Callaghan—The discussions with the trade union movement will clearly have to be on the basis

As the TUC do not wish to come As the TUC do not wish to come to a conclusion on this matter until after the Budget, it is not possible for us to reach finality now.

I hope those in British Leyland who feel they have a genuine grievance, and I do not deny that, will recognize that this present agreement runs out in August and that after that there will be an opportunity—before that, if the agreement, is concluded—for giving greater flexibility.

The Secretary of State for Industry is considering the particular position of British Leyland and he will make a statement to the House as soon as he can.

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Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C)—Last month foreign made cars accounted for 43 per cent of the home market and given that choice and the preference of the taxpaver, does he think that the British taxpayer will be prepared to pour money into Leyland to produce cars increasingly unwanted at home and produced by a company which regrettably is giving a worse and worse name to British industry?

Mr Callaghan—I hope we will not carry this too far. I am sure he does not want to be pouring scorn on an important British national asset. asset.

But it must be said that Ley-land's record last year was that they failed to produce something like 200,000 cars that had been included in their plans and I hope they do understand that there are not only European car manufacturers but the Japanese simply waiting to pour cars into this country for every car that we fall to produce.

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—Will he not give credence to the new myth that the proplems of British Leyland are due to the pay policy? The problems of British Leyland predated the present pay policy and the Jast Government's new policy. pay noticy.
Will he not go to the City of Londou for any advice about how to run British Leyland because it has virtually destroyed the com-pany? Will be look at Meriden which has not been disrupted by the pay policy and draw the appro-priate conclusions?

Mr Callaghan I will take all his

weaknesses of his two main pillars of policy—the social contract and the industrial strategy. They are mutually incompatible with one

mutually incompatible with one another.

We are not getting either the production from the nation as a whole nor the productivity that we need because we have neither a policy which allows for differentials nor a taxation policy which permits of incentives. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—She is adding to her consistent policy of a complete negative approach. (Conservative protests.) She is aware, although she falls to support the incomes policy, that some of her spokesmen, including her present spokesmen on Treasury policy, did, and I do not know why she should attack his policy on this matter.

She is consistently negative on this matter, on the questions of the industrial strategy, industrial democracy, and on devolution. Indeed, it is difficult to know what she stands for on any single issue. (Labour cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher—The negative thing

Mrs Thatcher—The negative thing is to refuse differentials. The negative thing is to refuse incentives. The positive thing is to give differentials for skill. The positive thing is to give differentials for skill. The thing is to give incentives.

Only then will you get the positive results that this Government will never get. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—The only thing on which Mrs Thatcher exceeds her capacity for the negative approach is her capacity for sating the obvious. The Government's posi-tion has been made clear on dif-ferentials.

I do not think Mrs Thatcher is trying to help industrialists in this matter, nor is she concerned with the future welfare of British in-dustry. She has only one concern. That is naked ambition. (Labour cheers and Conservative protests.) Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Reddirch, C) was granted leave for an emergency debate after submitting that the situation was worsening as a result of the continuing refusal of the tool room committee to recommend a return to work on the advice of their union. The matter was more important than it was yesterday, he said, in that the production of the Mini-had ceased, directly affecting the remainder of his constituents who were still at work yesterday, and it involved the cessation of production of the Maxi and Princess models.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—The question we are asking is Miler's submission fell within the whether the problems of British Leyland do not demonstrate the ing for emergency debates.

Mr Haines suitable commission member

There were angry exchanges during Prime Minister's question time concerning the appointment of Mr Joseph Haines to the royal commission on legal services.

Asked by Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) if he would appoint a further person to the royal commission, Mr Callaghan replied: No.

Mr Tobbit—In view of all that has Mr Tebbit - In view of all that has happened since the Prime Minister himself appointed a Mr Joseph Haines to the royal commission, including publication of a scandalous breach of confidence in a recent book, is the Prime Minister still convinced that Mr Haines is a suitable person to sit in indement suitable person to sit in judgment on the British legal profession? Mr Callaghan—Yes. (Loud Conser-vative laughter.) Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C)—In view of that reply, would the Prime Minister say by what criteria he judges whether or not a man is suitable to sit in judgment on the legal profession? Mr Callaghan When I look at Mr Brotherton I have no doubt as to what is suitable. what is suitable.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devou, L)—Would he confirm that this royal commission will, among other things, have to consider "arrangements for determining remuneration of the profession.".

Since one of the members, Mr Haines, appears to get his remuneration by selling confidences to the highest bidder and since the legal profession exists and only subsists on the basis of trust and confidence between the client and the lawyer, does he chick this gentleman has much to offer?

Mr Callachan—Mr Thorpe who has

Mr Callaghan—Mr Thorpe who has suffered a great deal of personal obloquy should be the last person to try that kind of vendetta against somebody else. to try that kind of vendetta against somebody else. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—The former leader of the Liberal Party should be the last person to raise matters of this kind when he was the man that was opening supermarkets on the south coast and getting money from pensioners and others... (Protests.) Mr Thorpe—I never opened a supermarket or anything else on the south coast. (Laughter and cries of "Withdraw".)

Mr Skinner—It is a well known fact that Mr Thorpe was involved in opening supermarkets and getting paid appearance money by Loadon and County Securities Ltd when he was a director of that company and when the auditor had already published the results of the accounts and the books of that company had been in default. (Renewed protests.)

Survey on why older people keep on working

Initial results from a survey into the factors which influenced older people to go on working, cease work or modify the nature and the amount of work they did, were expected at the end of this year, expected at the end of this year,
Mr John Grant, Under-Secretary
for Employment, said.
Further analyses of the survey,
commissioned jointly by the
Department of Employment and
the Department of Health and
Social Security from the Office of
Population Censuses and Surveys
was expected in the first half of
1978.

Mr Grant said they also hoped to find our how the decisions of older people were affected by the various rules which governed the receipt of the national insurance retirement pension.

Ner David Madel (South Bedfordshire, 'C)—As this survey is being conducted jointly with the Department of Health and Social Security, is Mr Grant's department using it as a means by which to make formal recommendations on whether the age of retirement should be lowered? If that is not the case, to what actual use will this expensive research be put? this expensive research be put? Mr Grant—It is not particularly expensive research. The actual cost is £157,000. There are pressures for a more positive policy in this area—pressures for earlier or more flexible retirement and for more protection for the older worker. I think the survey will be valuable in disclosing evidence on these matters.

Protecting jobs of men who get sent abroad

Mir Greville Januer (Leicester, West, Lab) was given leave to bring in the Unitair Dismissal (Overseas Employment) Bill to amend the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974 in relation to the unfair dismissal of employees who ordinarily work partly outside and partly inside the United Kingdom.

He said the Bill, which had support from MPs on both sides, was intended to protect people such as drivers who went across to the continent, company executives, buyers, managers and others whom it was intended the law on unfair dismissal should cover but who had been stripped naked of their rights by two decisions of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

It would provide that those who worked outside the United Kingdom should remain unprotected but those who worked partly inside and partly outside should not lose their protection merely because they made journeys abroad.

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Adaptation of for disabled

During questions about employ-ment of the disabled, Mr John ment of the disabled, Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for Employment (Islington, Central, Lab) said a scheme of grants to employers for adaptation to prem-ises and equipment would be brought into operation by the Man-power Services Commission during 1977-78.

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Ly to £500,000 is provided in the estimates for this the said). The general condition will be that grants will be available only for modifications relating to the needs of individual disabled people and when grants are considered for the resettlement of the individual employees concerned. employees concerned.

The British Transport Docks Bill was read the third time.

Difficulties of direct elections will become more apparent but future lies with Europe

the European Parliament, Dr. Davild Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, stated in his first major speech since his appointment.

He said that if direct elections were to make a positive countribution then any electoral system adopted in the United Kingdom, as in other member states, must carry conviction and be truly representative. It was in this spirit that the Government intended to use their best endeavours to meet the target date of May or June, 1978.

A White Paper which would contain some points still for discussion, would be presented to Parliament within a few weeks and then some of the problems and difficulties of electing 31 members for Britain, already discussed by the Select Committee, would become more apparent to the House. Constitutional changes needed to be considered carefully by Parliament as a whole. (Cheers.)

There were timing difficulties and no member state had yet carried through the necessary legislation. The more agreement that could be reached now the easier it would be to pass legislation.

Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) in opening a debate on would be to pass legislation.

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Lab) in opening a debate on
foreign affaks recalled a recent
speech by his predecessor, the late
Mr Anthony Crosland, to the European Parliament in Luxembourg,
on Eritain's role in the world and
its two main stranda—deep involvement in Europe and a preoccupation with a worldwide imperial
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He said that Britain was inextricably involved with Europe, a view which he had long supported and been particularly identified with. But that was not a strand in foreign policy which could be pursued exclusively. It was not a British instinct to seek to prescribe their horizous. The maritime influence was strong in many, including himself—for 11 years the MP for Devouport and two years Minister for the Navy.

Today the future lay in Europe as a member of the EEC but the scale of their international interests was not such that they could withdraw from them, even if they wished to do so. There was little yearning, however, for the Imperial past and in the last 10 years Britain had become realistic about their influence in the world. Equally it was time to stop selling themselves short and show more national self-confidence. Equally it was time to stop selling themselves short and show more national self-confidence.

We have established a democratic system and a tradition of

political stability (he said) of which we in this country remain justifiably proud. By 1980 we shall to self-sufficient in oil and will be for the next few decades the only major industrialized nation self-sufficient in energy.

We have developed a way of life culturally and morally which is not only one of our most valued and assets but also a long-standing source of influence on Europe and on the world.

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Britain's strengths were too readily overlooked at home and abroad. But in today's world they could no longer rely on their insular position to safeguard what they valued. Interdependence had since 1945 transformed the international context of British foreign policy. The central task of our foreign policy (he said) is to decide how best to realize the fundamental objectives of promoting national prosperity and safeguarding national security. Prosperity is of little use without security. Sound domestic policies had to be complemented with international economic cooperation if efforts at home, particularly the benefits gained from the social contract, were not to be quickly eroded. Contributing to the export drive was a central task of every overseas post of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The forthcoming economic summit would enable them to consider further seas post of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The forth-coming economic summit would enable them to consider further ways of stimulating world ecomomic recovery.

While they could and must continue to make progress in political unity in the EEC, there could be little doubt that were the present trends of economic divergence to become firmly established, they would present a serious threat to the cohesion of the community. If the EEC was to command greater public support, it must become more relevant to people's daily lives. They would have to deal with issues like unemployment and surpluses. They must avoid off cheaply to the Russians because is the public mind there was a great deal of feeling over this and it damaged the Community.

Membership of Nato was the foundation of British security, The organization was as essential in an age of detente as it was during the cold war. Detente without security was a contradiction in terms. The conducing cohesion of the Atlantic Alliance and Nato was therefore vital.

It was remarkable that after 30

of a transitional government.

I regret (he said) that on Jamery 24 Mr Smith rejected them even as a basis for negotiation.

Since then the Government had considered with the Americans the options remaining open and contact was being maintained with the nationalists and front line presidents. Britain and America had recently had joint discussions with South Africa at official level and in the light of continuing discussions the light of continuing discussions with all parties concerned, the Government would decide on what form to try to resume discussions for a possible settlement. for a possible settlement.

It is still not too late for a settlement (he went on) but time is rapidly running out, and nothing we have heard over the past few weeks gives grounds for optimism.

The alternative to a settlement was the bleak prospect of bloodshed and chaos and even now appalling tragedies were becoming more frequent. more frequent.

I am ready (he said) at any time, to go anywhere said talk to anyone if I indge it will make a genuine contribution to a possible settlement.

In the Middle East there was some prospect of breaking the deadlock. He boped to visit swael and Egypt is the next few months to talk to their leaders and to assets the situation at first hand. vital.

It was remarkable that after 30 years of peace, an association of 15 free and democratic nations should still be strongly united by common objective. They were equally com-

and should not stand aside. The European interest in the Middle East was enormous.

Mis colleague, Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State; had just returned from the Falkland Islands to my to establish the framework for better economic cooperation between Britain and Argentina and the south-west Atlantic, which was a necessary prospect for a prosperous and durable future for the islands.

In the discussions what inevthe islands.

In the discussions what inevitably arose was the relationship between Britain, Argentina and the islands and that any changes which might be proposed must be acceptable to the Falkland Islanders, whose interest and well being was the main concern of the at every stage and nothing would be done behind their backs. That had been said by Mr Crosland and he reaffirmed those pledges. There had been and there would not be a had been and there would not be a sell out.

I can give the assurance (he said) that any change it sovereignty for the islands would have to come before this House and I am confident this House would not pass any legislation involving sovereignty of the islanders were they not vatisfied that the islanders saw any change as in their best interests. That is the best safeguard for the islanders, the fact that their interests will be looked after not just by the Government but by this House of Cammons. On human rights, Britain must take her stand in any corner of the globe. They must apply the same standards of justice to Chile as they did to Communist commission of the communist commission. or to Uganda.

Morality had to be balanced with
reality. Governmental action had
to be hard headed and practical.
Above all, it must have realizable Above an, it must have a solution objectives.

It is early days for me as Foreign.
Secretary (he said). I have much to learn but on one matter I shall be unshakable. Foreign policy must project outwards the value which lie at the core of Britishall. society.

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This is the only way in which Foreign Secretary can hope to carry public opinion and without public support any foreign policy is ditimately doomed to failure. It will apply this standard as best I can to decisions I take during my tenure as Foreign Secretary. (Cheera.) Pettymindedness towards EEC regretted

Getting into premises occupied by

squatters

dered on report.

On Clause 6 (Violence for securing entry), the Earl of Mansfield, for the Opposition, moved an amendment to insert after the word "violence" in the provis in that any person who without lawful authority used to threatened violence for the purpose of securing entry into any premises for himself or for any other person was guilty of an offence, the words "against the person or against property". It was considered with a number of related amendments. He said it was an unpleasing prospect that in Clause 6 violence bould be invoked against someone who had no roof over his head, but he had much less sympathy for the squatter who was merely making a

squarer who was mercy meaning political point.
There was rather less sympathy but still a certain degree, with those who occupied business premium forced the effect. ises because they feared the effects of redundancy upon their employ-ment or some similar reason. The amendment he had moved d two others extended the right violence beyond the displaced residential occupier to persons who had a right to possession or occupation of the premises. He had fairly precisely tried to put confines around this.

He had said there must be a right to possession or occupation of the premiets and had tried to confine the force to that which was reasonable to secure entry to the

premises.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said if the Government were persuaded that a general squatting offence was desirable they would prefer it to turn on a requeet to leave rather than resistance to attempted entry.

The amendments would mean that it would not be an offence for a landlord to use or threaten vioa landlord to use or threaten vio-lence to enter premises where a tenant was holding over after expi-ration of his tenancy or for a factory owner, or any group he might employ, to use or threaten violence to enter premises where employees, perhaps threatened with unemployment, were staging This was all a matter of difficult

rules was all a matter of difficult judgment but the amendments went too far. The Government would keep the matter under review as part of their continuing discussion on the squatting sections in the Bill. The amendment was withdrawn. On Clause 10 (Obstruction of

court officers executing process for possession against unauthor-ized occupiers). Lord Dihorne moved an amendment to widen the category of people who would commit an offence by obstructing a commit an offence by obstructing a court officer.

It is (he said) indefensible to say that a criminal offence will be created by obstructing a court officer seeking to enforce a court order for possession against squaters and that it is no offence to obstruct the officer trying to enforce a possession order against anyone else.

anyone else.

The court officer doing his duty should be entitled to the same protection, no matter against whom the order is directed. Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minis-

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said there was a criminal contempt of court, for which a punitive sentence might be imposed in such cases. There was the sanction of imprisonment.

Civil law enforcement was not usually a police matter and they feared they would become increasingly involved in possession matters if the Bill were extended as the amendment suggested.

The amendment was carried by The amendment was carried by a votes to 25—majority against be Government, six. The report stage was adjourned.
The Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill passed its com-

mittee stage. House adjourned, 7.22 pm.

Inflation expected to fall later in year

During questions to the Prime
Minister, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth
(Teesside, Thornaby, Lab) asked:
Would Mr Callaghan give his
views on the proposals by the
Cabinet Secretary for splitting the
Treasury into different parts and,
in particular, the proposal which
has had the support of his two
predecessors for putting the public
expenditure part of the Treasury
with the Civil Service Department?

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taken by the public sector. Is this
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ment?
Mr Callaghan—I have been reading the evidence given with great interest and watching some of the articles appearing in the press. I will continue to give these matters are full consideration. If I have any changes to propose, I will inform the House.
Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C)—Will he take this opportunity to tell the House and country what he has so far refused to tell

he has so far refused to tell, namely, what are the responsibilities between himself and the Chaucellor in view of his economic overlordship about which we have heard so much and seen so little? Mr Callaghan—I have taken over no responsibility from the Chancellor but I am still First Lord of the Treasury.

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Mr Callaghan—Yes. We shall keep to the formula agreed with the IMF. If circumstances change we shall have other discussions with them. Then if circumstances change, arrangements can be changed.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, inflation which is likely to rise 17 per cent year on year and the massive inemployment, suggest that the Treasury have failed. It is one to reconsider the whole question of dismantling the question of Treasury.

freasury.

If we are serious about job creation, should we not have an economic directorate to replace those parts of the Treasury which have signally failed to intervene in the economy and to do anything to put right the shortcomings of the free market system.

no responsibility from the Chancellor but I am still First Lord of
the Treasury.

Mr Robert Kitroy-Siik (Ormskirk,
Lab)—In what year will we have
a return to full employment?

Mr Callaghan—The problem of
unemployment is one which afflicts
the whole of the western industrial
world. I propose to discuss these
matters with President Carter
when I visit the United States next
week and also to raise them at the
Rome European Council meeting,
because it is clear that no one
nation can return to full employment on its own.

It will require international
effort and we shall bend all our
efforts to try to secure that at
the egrifest possible moment.

Mr Lan Gow (Eastbourne, C)—
Does he recall the letter which

Unit pricing as weapon in protecting consumer

Mr John Fraser, Minister of State. Mr John Fraser, Minister of State, said in a written reply—I am very much in favour of greater standardization of quantities for household goods and foodstuffs. We fully support the principles of the draft directive which deals with his, Both this draft directive and our own metrication programme will pave the way for further important consumer protection legislation in this country.

Destroyer ordered Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, in a written reply. said-An order has been placed today with Vosper Thornycroft Ltd for the construction of the Royal Naty's ninth Type 42 destroyer. It

is our intention to place a further order in the coming year and Cammell Laird will be included among any firms invited to tender for this order.

Royalties Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, in a written reply, said royalties for 1976 gas and oil production yielded some £22,400,000 for gas and some £44,200,000 for oil. These were provisional payments subject to later adjustment.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection what was his long-term policy towards standardized quantities for household goods and foodstuffs particularly in view of the transfer to metric units; and what was his policy as regards the EEC concept of a master range of products where the application of unit price ing and specified quantities are insisted upon as an aid to consumer protection programme.

We therefore support any consumers in the policy as regards the EEC concept of the products where the application of unit price ing and specified quantities are insisted upon as an aid to consumerer and the products of the produ

consumer protection programme.

We therefore support any Community initiative which would encourage member states to adopt unit pricing wherever it would be helpful.

Nevertheless there are serious implications, particularly for the small shopkeeper in the blanket approach corrently envisaged in Brussels and our preference is for the actual application of unit pricing to be based on national consumer preferences and established trade practices.

It is against this basic point of view that we shall judge any proposals which might be smoantred to the Council.

Mr Peter Brooke, who held the Cities of London and Westminster, South for the Conservatives in last Thursday's by-election, took his

Mortgage tax relief
Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of
State. Treasury, said in a written
reply: The estimated cost of tax
relief on mortgage interest for
1976-77 is around £1,100m; this is
about £183 a mortgagor or £101 an
owner-occupied dwelling.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.50: Coal Industry Bill, second reading. Returning Officers (Scotland, Bill, remaining stages. House of Lords
Today at 2.30. Debate on research and development, Debatable question about Concorde. avid to see Britain as a member of the Community because they believed the United Kingdom had something of a broad nature to contribute to shelr future.

Mr John Davies, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C) said in foreign political terms 1977 was a year of great dangers and opportunities which were exceptional in some senses. Yet I find (he said) that petty-mindedness has been the hallmark of the British contribution to the Community since the referendum. There was a widespread feeling of anxiety, notably on the Opposition side, about the sovereignty issue in regard to the Falkland Islands and the position of the islanders. They were not entirely satisfied and reassured on the question of the absolute superiority of the islanders' wishes. I deeply regret it. I deeply regret it.

The behaviour of the Government on agriculture, the future of the green pound, on dairy and pigmeat until recently, and on energy and mindmum safeguard prices and all that that infers, their intervention in the original North-South dialogue conference and the purpose behind that infervention were failures to understand the role this country has to play in the future of the Community.

The Foreign Secretary could not

ty of the islanders' wistes.

The prospect for the Middle Bast were substantially better but there was a dangerous factor as well. The opportunities were not very long lived. The alternatives to the seizing of opportunities to bring about a settlement in this vital area could have the most incalculable consequences. The Middle Bast was characterized with extreme possibilities. The dead-Grant, Under-Secretary for lock must be broken. The Foreign Secretary could not have been proud of Mr Judd's handling of the EEC business statement yesterday when he had shown a smirking attitude to the lock must be broken. To us (he said) "best endea-vours" means what it says, to go to the limit to try to achieve some-thing you have undersken, not to use it as a cloak of pusillanianty. both sides to creating an accep-table situation for the reconvening of the Geneva Conference after the Israeli elections. Israeli elections.

It was no secret that on the Opposition side they had been deeply dissatisfied with the Government's attitude to southern Africa—their dilatoriness and lack of any sense of purpose. The issues went far beyond Rhodesia. They embraced the relationship with the whole of the Continent. The strategic issues which arose concerned use it as a cloak of pusillanianity. It will not be forgotten nor forgiven by the Community it we are the people who bring the whole direct elections to a standstill.

Why could they not have a Bill from the Government now? None understood why.

Mr Erk Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—There is no enfinesham in Britain for direct elections except among Euro-fanstics. Most of the people are about as suffinstatic for direct elections as they were for devolution.

Mr Davies said that it was incredible the Labour Party should be endeavouring to withdraw from the Prime Minister's solemn undertaking. whole of the Comment. The strate-gic issues which arose concerned not just the vital mineral resources of that Continent but the key importance of the Cape route.

importance of the Cape route.

Time was not on their side in relation to the future of southern Africa. There was no room for a long-winded appraisal of the issues. There must be urgent action by the Government inducing the United States to take a far more forward role in prosecuting the used for a settlement.

The denial of minerals or north the need for a settlement.

The denial of minerals or port facilities were themselves vital but it was not just a question of facing the risk of a hostile increst lanoching missiles at tankers around the Cape. They must think what the situation would be if there were implanted in the Cape people whose interests were directly divergent from the interests of those of the western industrialized countries. It would affect their whole strategic and tactical situation.

His impression in his contacts with the European Community at all levels was that disenchantment with Britain was never greater than it was today. It was pitful to contrast the situation with what it was five years ago at the time of negotiation for accession.

taking.

Sir Geoffrey de Freilas (Keitering, Lab) said as a British MP and a vice-president of the European Parliament he had had to assure that Parliament that Britain would stand by her undertakings on direct elections. He understood the delay caused by the overloading of parliamentary business, but yesterday the Minister of State went so far as to talk of the danger of rushing impettously. What on earth had the Government been doing these last six months unless they were working out how to doing these last six months unless they were working out how to implement their undertaking?

The Government were bound by a solemn undertaking. They had only reached the White Payer stage. The select committee had recommended a single member constituency system so that the first direct election would be on

It was recognized that it would need 15 mouths after the Royal Ament to get such a system estab-lished.
Although there was an obvious

Although there was an obvious undemocratic feature of a list system—it gave power of selecting candidates to the party machine and not the people in the constinencies—he was prepared in the interests of getting \$1 elected members to the European Paritament in time to face that obvious disadvantage.

He was convinced that the parties would have enough sense of responsibility to the public to balance their lists and reflect minorities in their lists.

Mr Reginald Mandling (Barnet.

Mr Reginald Mandling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) said in East-West relations there seemed to be a state of confusion and confusion in these matters could mean Some people regarded Helsinki the dawn of a new era and

others as a sell but by the West with detents as a sham. He did not accept either view. I think (he said) it has achieved I think (he said) it has achieved nothing in practice but it created an opportunity and that time is needed to develop this opportunity, far more time than we resliced when it was going on. Let us above all not throw away this opportunity because the dangers of war between East and West are so stupendous. It is almost impossible to envi-

It is almost impossible to envisage them when people talk of tens or hundreds of millions dead. I say to those who would be so antions to dance on the grave of detenter. "Beware, you may be dancing on the grave of civilization at the same time."

Mr Jeremy Thoupe (North Devon, L) said Britain should take a major initiative in reforming the EEC common agriculture policy. The ludicrons position over the butter mountain going to Russia was lunacy on stilts.

On direct elections, it seemed inevitable that they must have the list system on a regional or national basis because the Government had not got a hope in helt of getting \$1 constituencies delineated by the Boundary Commission. In Uganda there was a regime of oppression and terror that constituted a rejection of everything for which the Commonwealth stood. The quarrel was not with the Ugandans but with their dictator, President Amin, who misruled them. The Commonwealth should exclude Uganda from membership, her Frank Allaum (Salford, Eastlain made a public initiative to support

Dr Owen should pursue this matter right away. It was noticeable that Sweden was doing so where, so far the United Kingdom ha

been almost completely silent.

The Foreign Secretary shows show his determination in some framatic way such as by going to the United Nations and voicing his support for President Carter's proposals. Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East Herifordshire, C) said the Soviet Union and her satellites were all formally committed under the terms of the Final Act of Heisinki. It was said and disappointing to find breaches of the agreement in respect of human rights, dissiderand minorities, and the refusal allow free expression of opination of the minimizing right of eq.

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relating to the inviolability of tiers. The formulization of Potsdan agreement and the littights provisions being a son quid pro quo, the Soviets-trying to have the quid and shold the pro quo. Mr Stanley Newcos (Harlow, said that initial indications President Carter's statements appointments seemed to say that the new administration not intend to rely on covert operions to anything like the say degree as their immediate presidences.

cessors. It was appropriate for the Government to take stock of the change of direction and cast such weight as they might have against any reversions to the policies of covert intervention associated most recently with the activities of Dr. Fischner.

Mr. James Scott-Hopkins. (West-Derbyshire, C) said the Foreign Secretary and a lot of leeway to make up regarding the European Community. He had never known the United Kingdom's name there to be lower than it was at the moment.

moment.

The national list system was not acceptable for direct elections but the Government could still get through a Bill which would allow \$1 seats to be delineated by the Boundaries Commission. Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab., and Britain should take a mor active role in securing the resumption of the Geneva conference of the Middle East and advocate that the Middle East and advocate that the Palestinian people should be independently represented there. The principle of a Palestinian state on the west bank of the Jordan, should be supported.

Close consultations with Falkland islanders

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said the attack on the CIA and Britain's own intelligence and security service was something which was wittingly or unwittingly mounted on behalf of the KGB. This underground war between the intelligence agencies raged conthe Government had pressed Mr

timously.

The Government had pressed Mr Ian Smith to hand over to those such as Mr Nicomo and the guerrillas, and if he did it would lead to the instalment not of a democratic and moderate party but to the establishment of something which would make the secret police of Haiti look like the Salvation Army.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C) sald the time had come to review western policy towards the Soviet Union. The policy of containment had failed. It was bound to fail because it did not involve any means of persuading the Soviet Union to drop its aggressive ends.

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aggressive ends.

It was time to consider adopting a policy towards the Soviet Union wilch involved more firmness, more consistency and, in particu-lar, the imposition of penalties for bad behaviour.

bad behaviour.
Mr Alan Lee Williams (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab) said the West was faced with a good opportunity with the forthcoming conference in Belgrade. The Secretary of State must resist the advice that faced with this opportunity, the Russians must be put into the witness box. Mr Greville Jamer (Leicester, West, Lab) said they could not

assess a person's hitierian tendencies by his colour or continent. A man was no less a dictator when he was in Africa.

The thought of President Amin coming to Britain sent shudders down his spine. He hoped the Government would say that in no circumstances would he be allowed to come here.

Russia had to exercise its authority in Angola through incompetent, over which she jacked effective control.

The jonger the Cubans stayed in Angola and the more African competent would be appropriately on the more difficult would Russia's position become. Eventually she

to come here,
Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C)
sald the kidnapping of children
and murder of missionaries in Rhodesia were horrifying but things
there could be a thousand times
more horrifying unless a way was
found out of the present situation.
A commission should go there as
the Pearce Commission and in
1972, perhaps this time led by Lord
Thomson, the former European
commissioner, with United States,
EEC and United Nations representatives.

Mr Tam Dayell (West Lothian, Lab) said the Foreign Office should prepare a statement of the costs and complications of separate Scottish representation in Euro-pean and world capitals. pean and world capitals.

Mr Julian Critchley (Aldershot, C)
said United States-European relations might well be in for rough
weather. It might not be long
before the message "Come back
Henry—all is forgiven" was
flashed from Europe to the zightclubs of New York. (Laughter.) Mr Peter Tapsell, for the Opposi-tion (Horncaste, C) said that in the continuing thrust of the Rus-sians for world hegemony, Angola could very well become their Vict-

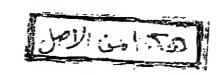
effective control.

The longer the Cubans stayed in Angols and the more African compries to which they were dispetched the more difficult would Russia's position become. Eventually she would be held responsible for their excesses, failures and growing unpopularity and their eventual ignominous withdrawal would result. The question they must address their minds to was whether any part of the Kissinger plan could still be salvaged from the breakdown of the Geneva talks and the apparent failure of Mr Ivor Richard's last African tour.

make progress towards possible agreement on future negotiations. There was still some way to go before they could agree on the terms of reference. It was essential each side should be clear how the other side was approaching the problem. problem.

It was the podition of the Government that they would not propose to Parliament transfer of sovereignty without the full acceptance of the islanders. Furthermore, during the process of any renegotiation, as well as towards the and of the negotiations, there would be close and continuing consultations with the legisle councils and the people.

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Mr Roy Jenkins emphasized that added. Unless the Community had a moral had a policy for bringing Portugal to the same level as the compean commission, fragile Portuguese democracy.

But the Portuguese democracy. But the Portuguese economy could not be integrated into the Community easily. It was therefore up to the Community to find imaginative solutions to

help Portugal "I am against closing one's eyes to the economic problem and doing nothing until a dangerous situation arises both in his month. The Commission of the Fortuguese economy and for the Community as a whole, Mr Jenkins said. He gave warnings, however, that bined with a realistic Spain would be likely to apply for membership after Portugal. for the Portuguese economy and for membership after Portugal. Barre involved on the part both the Community and of long pre-entry period for Portugal in gal or Spain." Mr Jenkins mies.

the French Government's reactions were. He had also asked about the commitment to economic and monetary union in the joint statement of the recent Franco-German summit. and had been told that, as a result of the success of the Baire anti-inflation France and Germany felt better

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Apology demanded by 'bugged' scientist

Bonn, March 1

the Interior today sought to ex-plain a decision to plant a listening device in the home of operations against them, an ex-a nuclear scientist without first treme risk had arisen which re-

seeking a court order.

The "bugging" of the home near Cologne of Dr Klaus-Robert Traube was disclosed this week b ythe Hamburg newsmagazine Der Spiegel, which reproduced documents from the files of West German counterintelligence.

Professor Maihofer, the Minister of the Interior, rested his case on article 13 of the constitution, which permits a breach of the inviolability of a person's home "to avert a common danger".
It had been established, he

said, by earlier tapping of Dr Traube's telephone and mail (previously authorized by the responsible committee) that he had private contact with sus-pected terrorists and a woman awyer who had been retained

But the minister also con-ceded that there had been no evidence that would have stood up in court of the scientist's involvement in terrorist activity. Nor was there enough material available to justify the granting by a judge of a search warrant

The house was so placed as to make personal surveillance virtually impossible without its being noticed. The decision to plant a listening device there was taken shortly after the terrorist raid on the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna in December, 1975.

As Dr Traube had detailed Sonn, March 1 knowledge of West German The West German Minister of nuclear installations, and could coerced into assisting terrorist quired extraordinary precau-tions, the minister said.

After Professor Maihofer's press conference, Dr Traube told reporters that unless the minister publicly apologized, restored his reputation and helped to undo the damage to his professional reputation, he would take all steps available to him.

His knowledge of nuclear in-stallations was of the general, rather than the detailed variety, and he would never have been in a position to give any "tips", he said.

The allegation that he had personal contacts with suspected terrorists was a crude distortion. He had voluntarily made a statement on the sub-ject to the federal Attorney General's office after he had been told of the suspicion against him and had been dismissed by his firm.

Dr Traube said that he had br Iraube said that he had known the woman lawyer for 10 years. The suspected participant in the Opec raid had become known to him only through her. Three weeks before the raid, they had attended a small party at his house. He had never had a serious conversation with the alleged terrories.

sation with the alleged terrorist. In connexion with the affair, the Opposition in Bonn has pointed out how simple it apparently was for a magazine to obtain photocopies of secret counter-intelligence documents:

Road toll on Western motorists in **East Berlin**

From Gretel Spitzer Bonn, March 1

East Germany today imposed a road told of DM10 (£2.50) on mororists visiting East Berlin for a day. The receipts say payment is for a drive from Berlin (west) "into the German Democratic Republic".

This wording demonstrates the recent East German policy of integrating the eastern part of the city into East Germany and of denying the validity of the four-power status for all of Berlin.

The toll is also another way The toll is also another way of acquiring hard currency and discouraging visitors. The matter is being discussed by the allies and the West Germans, both of whom deplored this further evidence of restrictions on the freedom of more ment on the freedom of movement. The Western allies emphasized that no action could affect the rights and responsibilities of the four powers, the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, for all of Berlin,

or the status of the city, which remained unchanged. The issue is taken very seriously, but there seems little that can be done to make East Germany revoke this new step

Germany revoke this new step towards incorporating East Berlin, other than to protest. Herr Olaf von Wrangel, spokesman for the Christian Democrats on German policy, demanded that future agreements should contain a clause to the effect that no more payto the effect that no more pay-ments would be made to East Germany if it broke agree-

Vestern Communists hold Iadrid summit today the hotel, closely guarded by parry members, to discuss their

Georges Marchais and or Eurico Berlinguer, the ach and Italian Communist by leaders, are arriving in irid tomorrow for discus-is with their Spanish nterpart, Señor Santiago

he Government has refused allow the three men to ress a mass rally which 10 people were expected to nd, including representa-is of other political parties. organizers are now plan-g a cocktail party and a

se conference, he Spanish party, which is t the cocktail party and is conference will not also banned on the grounds that criticism. ere than 20 people—the annum number allowed fore permission is requested stend them. The party

ing socialism in a pluralist society. They are anxious to prove their democratic credentials in the face of the increas ing criticism of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia for their infringements of human _ All three bave previously criticized the repressive action

respective problems, particu-larly those to do with establish-

of the Soviet authorities in rounding up dissidents but in their finel communique they are not expected to criticize
Moscow directly this time,
Rather, by repeating their
belief in a pluralistic society
and respect for human rights, offer implicit

The fact that a Eurocommi nist summit meeting is to be held in Madrid—the first international Communist gather-The not asked permission for ing in Spain for over 40 years in DUTTO

> agricultural cooperative. It appears certain that the surplus burter is intended for the Soviet

Union, which is the only market

Sale of butter to Russia vill still go through

om Our Own Correspondent ussels, March 1

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Roy Jenkins, president of
European Commission, to
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the Soviet Union came too. e to prevent authorization of sort subsidies for at least 000 tonnes, commission arcs confirmed today.

Union, which is the only market big enough to absorb purchases of that size.

Under the EEC's "pre-fixing" system, a trader is guaranteed the level of the export subsidy he will receive for at least five months ahead, which takes account of the time it may take to ship the butter to its port of destination. Pre-fixed subsidies granted before Friday's suspen-The export certificates are derstood to have been issued
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Basque women hurt as police

granted before Friday's suspen-sion can thus go on being

alcohol elsinki, March 1.—Work-t today began removing bill-rds advertising alcoholic aks on the first day of Finrest on the first day of Fin-rest rigorous new laws to dis-rage smoking and drinking. romotion of tobacco and hol in newspapers also ad yesterday by law, but

rette manufacturers say only a price increase will down consumption.

is not known how far the erament is willing to go in ouraging the two habits, it last year accounted for a per cent of total government through the same through through the same through the s aent revenue through taxes.

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king habits, but the
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press for further measures.

raid churches A woman of 21 who had her face crushed by a rifle burt when police broke up prayers

when police broke up prayers for amnesty at a Basque church was reported to be still in serious condition at a Bilbao hospital today, but improving.

Señorita Telleria Mendia was one of about 200 people ousted from the Santa Maria basilica at Lequeitio, near Bilbao, in a violent Civil Guard raid early on Sunday. About half of those taking part in the peaceful demonstration inside the church in favour of total amnesty were injured.

injured. In another Sunday morning raid on a church in Elurrio, near Bilbao, Civil Guards dispersed about 100 people praying for amnesty. A young woman there had a broken shoulder and a head wound.

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n Our Correspondent mhagen, March 1

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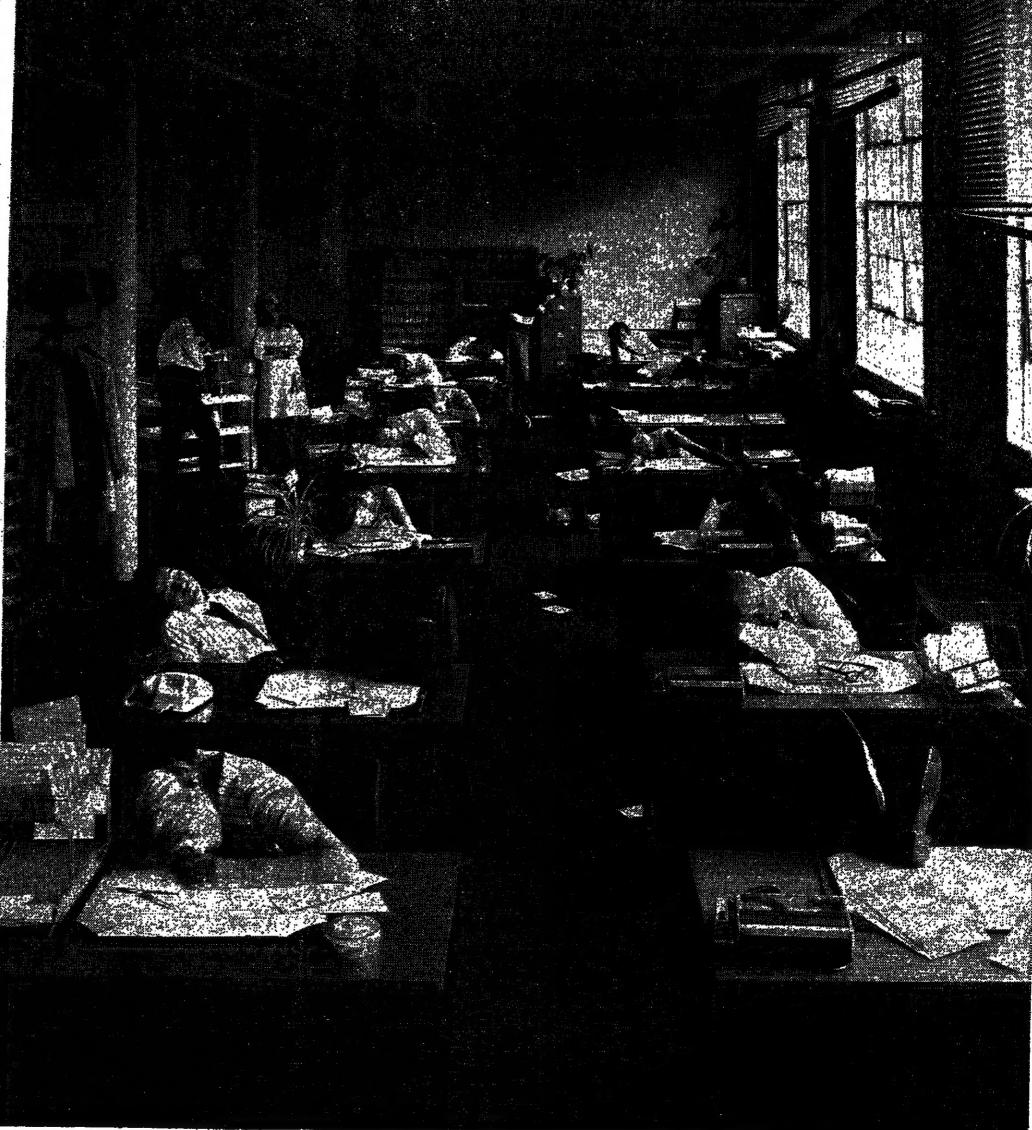
Clearly directed to the ar market, where collective duents are being nego-d If the new contracts go nd the 2 per cent ceiling y the Government's incomes
y amounted last August,
Government is likely to

e new Folkering contains aties, one more than pre-ly. Mr. Joergensen's Social Arrance minority Governer for non-socialist the Government its policies the proviso.

In his statement the Prime Minister said that the election had shown that the voters te Minister, today opened favour cooperation between tew Folketing (Parliament) political parties. The Govern-announced a tax on elec-ment's incomes policy had majority support but there was a risk of cooperation breaking strong to the additional revenue of down if individual parties 190m yearly is to be used insisted excessively on their to stimulate employcies in this direction have already been noticeable." The Government disagrees

with the Radical Party over the new Defence Act. This is unlikely to hinder its passage but Radical spokesmen today felt they had been deliberately mis-led. Before the election the Social Democratic Party had agreed that any reduction in welfare services should open the way for a revision of overall defence spending. Since it now has a safe majority for the Act even without Radical support, the Government has dropped





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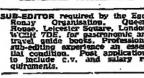
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politicians and trade unions requested by New York City". have undermined all attempts so far to find new sources of finance, and an appeal for im-mediate federal cash help has been coolly received in Wash-

financial brink

President Carter announced today that he is in favour of extending existing temporary federal loans to New York for possibly another five to six years. It is evident, however, that no more cash will come from the Government until the

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city resolves its disputes.

The city could find itself inserious difficulties next week. according to Mr Harrison Gol-din, its comptroller. He said it needed \$21m by next Monday to finance welfare payments, which it might just be able to However, there was grave

However, there was grave doubt whether it would be able to raise the \$68m needed to pay the wages of public service workers on Friday, March 11.

New York banks are demanding the continuation of an independent budget control board as the price for further bank loans, while the minicipal water and the price of the price of the price of the price bank loans, while the minicipal water are accounted.

Washington, March 1
New York City, is once again on the brink of financial chaos. The city urgently needs about \$200m (about £117m) to specific the second to the crisis, have failed far to arrange a compromise.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, to Secretary of the Treesury, separation bills this month but the second to the crisis, have failed far to arrange a compromise. out of the crisis, have failed so Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Secretary of the Treasury, said yesterday: "I have reserva-

> Mr Blumenthal clearly wants to see the banks, politicians and unions work out their dif-ferences before he agrees to provide the cash. He reasons that unless they agree, New York may not be able to repay its growing volume of outstanding loans.

The pressures are now build ing on all parties involved and it seems likely that the unions and politicians will finally agree that an independent control authority can continue to exist so long as the city runs a budget deficit and is unable to

float new securities in the national markets. The latest difficulties stem from a court order that forces New York to meet its obliga-tions to holders of about \$1,000m of its notes. Only the banks and union pension funds together can provide sufficient

cash to redeem the notes.

The latest crisis has served New York banks are demanding the continuation of an independent budget control It has also weakened the board as the price for further bank loans, while the minicipal unions want it scrapped. The politicians, while making the latest crisis has served as a reminder of the fragility of New York's financial health. It has also weakened the municipal bond market and, most particularly, the bonds issued by New York's Municipal Assistance Corporation.

Carter help for Indian claim on Maine

From Fred Emery Washington, March 1

American Indian claims to American Indian claims to between one-third and two-thirds of the state of Maine (33,215 sq miles) are suddenly being treated earnestly as a result of legal support for the Indians from Washington and the intervention of President Carter.

The outcome is likely to be a cash settlement from Congress rather than the transfer of millions of acres to Indian ownership. But there is much litigation and politics ahead and as I found when I visited the small snowbound communities-there is intense local concern. A lot of property busi-ness has been held up and some municipal bonds could not be sold by towns in Indianclaimed territory.

The change in treating the four-year-old case from being simply preposterous to a genuine regional issue occurred first through a federal court, anr, at the weekent, through the Carter Administration, which has now given the parties until June 1 to settle out of until June 1 to settle out of court, after which it will sue on behalf of the Indians.

At the same time, President Carter has appointed a special

had not been hostile Red In-dians, but allies of the Ameri-can rebels against the British in the War of Independence. A federal district judge upheld their claim that their lands had been bargained away contrary to a 1790 Act. This law provided that no treaties could be made with tribes without approval of Congress.

The original claim was estimated as affect 250 000 Mains

mated to affect 350,000 Maine residents, and included the state's populous and most valuable coastal area. But it was amended, with the tribes' agreement, in a new brief filed in Portland federal court yesterday.

lt now covers between five It now covers between five and eight million acresmostly wild forests stretching to the Quebec border. An estimated 75,000 to 90,000 residents would be affected.

A settlement will depend on local and federal legislation permitting the Indians to recover the monetary value of the land and damages for "illegal occupation". The Indians have tentatively agreed

dians have tentatively agreed not to sue small landowners and householders providing they can sue both the federal and the state governments for

mediator to help the parties gation—it has an independent gation—it has an independent two Democratic senators, and two Republican congressmen—is not expressing enthusiasm over the way the case is proceeding

Grimsby 'mercenaries' await their orders

Continued from page 1

faced with growing pressure from British trade unions. Three unions representing British Merchant Navy officers attacked the Tikkoo plan to relieve the besieged vessel as "bucaneering in a fashion more reminiscent of two cen-

turies ago". The Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association last night sent one of its officials to Le Havre at the master's request in a bid to break the deadlock.

In a statement, the association said the master had not been consulted on the decision to send the strike-breaking force in and he and the officers were concerned that this development would make the

situation worse.

Mr Tikkoo dismissed the association's statement as "plain rubbish" and said the master was clearly not in control of the ship since the crew had dis-obeyed instructions to begin discharging the Globik Venus. The dispute began last month when Mr Tikkoo refused to sign

an agreement with the Inter-national Transport Workers' Federation (ITF). The ship had been visited by a representative

crease the crew's rates of pay to the union's monthly mini-mum of \$507. ITF say the Filipinos' present rates of pay are about half that. Mr Tikkoo, however, claimed that when other benefits were included—return air fares to Manila and bonus payments— the Filipino crew were in fact better off financially than their British counterparts.

Paul Martin writes from Le

Havre: The British captain and three fellow officers silently watched the 38 mutinous Filipino crew on board the tanker today. On shore waiting for orders was enother crew, the 38 " Grimsby mercenaries" flown here by the owners. But, protected and advised by

the communist-dominated French seamen's union in the port, the rebel crew has vowed not to give in and to resist all attempts to wrest the ship from

their control.

Mr Richard Hawksley, a Globak director, said: "We have called upon the French to do their duty, but appearently they want to remain on lookers."

Janata Party and Congress for Democracy said: "Once before, that is within a week of the imposition of the emergency and the suppression of press

but "possibly there have been mistakes on our side because we were not able to communicate our instructions properly". At another meeting, at Shahadara, a Delhi suburb, Mrs Gandhi said the use of the

the capital has been launched by Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Mrs Gandhi's aunt. She said the authoritarian rule of the past 19 months showed that demo-

The opposition parties have taken exception to Mrs Gandhi's statement yesterday in Patna that the opposition was constantly reminding her of the fate of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman in Bangladesh where "the women and children and his family were butchered and ministers arrested".

In a joint statement, the leader, claimed today that Mr James III James II Ja In a joint statement, the

"The whole exercise was as total a fabrication then as the present charge is. On behalf of the entire opposition, we would challenge Mrs Gaudhi to give a single instance of such a statement from any respon-sible quarter of the opposition, even from the reports of her completely controlled news agency, the Samachar, or All India Radio."

Meanwhile, Mr Nanaji Desh- next Tuesday on a two-day, mukh, the senior Jan Sangh election tour of Tamil Nadu.

Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, aunt of Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, making an election speech yesterday at Delhi University in support of the opposition parties.

Mrs Gandhi jeered at election rally

From Kuldip Nayar

Delhi, March 1 Mrs Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, launched her Congress Party's election campaign today in Delhi. But the crowd that followed her was far smaller than she had addressed in past elections.

There were boos and derisive laughter during her speech near

There were boos and derisive laughter during her speech near the Secretariat, where she conceded that her Government had made mistakes in implementing the family planning programme and in resettling slum dwellers.

Mrs Gandhi said she did not want to blame the bureaucracy, but "possibly there have been

emergency laws was not dicta-torship. "Some people say that even Hitler held elections. But they were not elections like we are having here. There is no question of dictatorship in India, for the press is free and the people have the freedom of speech."

The opposition's campaign in the capital have been laurabed

cracy was not safe in the hands of the present rulers. She con-demned restrictions on the

freedoms, civil liberties and fundamental rights of the people, the Prime Minister had sought to justify these authoritarian actions by falsely alleging that her life and the lives of her family were in grave danger. That was 20 months ago. But not a single person has been prosecuted till now in a court of law for conspiring against her own life or the lives of her family.

and challenged Mr Meha h deny the accusation. However Mr Mir Qasim, union ministe from Jammu and Kashmir. said the charge against M Mehta was "a deliberate lie", Our Madras Correspondes writes: One of the largest de tion rallies in Madras has been staged by the opposition all ance. Leaders called for the rejection of the Congress Part particularly the leadership of Mrs Gandhi

Speakers included Mr last van Ram, president of Congre for Democracy. He told he audience not to be carried away womanly wiles and accused in of trying to acquire as much power as possible and seeking to indirectly control all state by installing chif ministra who would be subserview to

Earlier, Mr Ram claimed thousands of Congress workers were joining his new party daily and it would in time becomes the real Congress." Mrs Gandhi is due in Madras

Dutch minister meets equivelent compensation. The Maine Government delegation—it has an independent Charter 77 leader

Prague, March 1.—Mr Max yan der Stoel, the Dutch Foreign Minister, who is a guest of the Czechoslovak Government, had an unprecedented meeting today with a human rights campaigner viiified by the communist leadership in Prague. ship in Prague.

Mr van der Stoel spent 20 minutes in his hotel suite with ming up the two rounds of Professor Jan Patocka, a spokesman of the Charter 77
The Dutch minister had already sold communist leaders views on many bilateral or that the official stance on Charter 77 was casting a shadow over the forthcoming East-West talks in Belgrade that are designed to follow up the 1975 European security conference in Helsinki. He told Professor Parades 59-reserved. Professor Patocka, a 69-year-old philosopher, however, that the meeting was not to be regarded as an interference in

affairs. Mr van der Stoel, whose three-day visit ends tomorrow, told the philosopher that his Government "insisted on the implementation of all the pro-visions of the Helsinki final Act", covering human and civil rights. Professor Patocka said he explained that the sig-

Czechoslovakia's

said he explained that the sig-natories of the charter were not political dissidents.

All Charter 77 was asking for, he said, was the implemen-tation of civil and human rights provisions in the Czechoslovak laws and in inter-national documents ratified by

Prague.

Mr van der Stoel said later his meeting with Dr Patocka had not been arranged in advance. He had been inwhen Mr Tikkoo refused to sign an agreement with the International Transport Workers. For the past 24 hours the hastily-recruited Grimsby crew his meeting with Dr Patocka Federation (ITF). The ship had been visited by a representative on Teesside who attempted to persuade the company to in-hotels in which the company to in-hotels in which the company to in-hotels in the city arrived at the hotel hoping to

host. Czechosłovak officials, sum-

> international issues. "The only divergencies of opinion are n the ideological sphere", the spokesman said. "The views there were irreconcilable. Both sides have lis-

> tened to each other's point of view." The Czechoslovak press has ignored Mr van der Stoel's remarks on human rights prob-lems and his insistence on dis-cussing the Charter 77 issue. The official Ceteka news agency said, however, that Mr Chnoupek "explained the Czechoslovak position on the one-sided disinformation campaign launched by the authors of the so-called Charter 77, organized with the support of reactionary forces abroad.

"H eput our realities in front of these fabrications and stressed that our Marxist Leninist conceptions are anchored in the Czechoslovak constitution."

The Hague.—Max van der Stoel has suggested to Mr Chnoupek that each of them should have equal time on television in the other's country to outline the position of their governments on human rights, a Foreign Ministry spokesman

Argentina rejects reduced US arms aid

From Our Correspondent
Buenos Aires, March 1
The Argentine armed forces
have decided to reject all
United States military aid for
the coming year, the county's
military rulers announced here today.
Simultaneously, the military

Simultaneously, the military, backed Government of neighbouring Uruguay announced that it was rejecting all forms of aid from the United State.

The decisions follow lest week's announcement by Mr. Vance, the American Secretary of State, that the Carter of State, that the Carter Administration was reducing military aid to the two countries. military aid to the two countries
The allocation for Urugus

was cancelled, as it had also been by Congress last years and that for Argentina was reduced from \$36m (about £21m) to \$15m. In statements issued yester In statements issued yesterday and today both countries condemned the action as interference in their domestic affairs and the Argentine Foreign Ministry accused the United States Government of trying is set itself up as "an international court of justice".

The Defence Ministry today asked the Foreign Ministry inform Washington that the Argentine armed forces would

Argentine armed forces would not require the military aid in

question.

The American cutback and dently touched a raw among Argentine military. feel that the role they assumed last year of saving the nation of from advanced political experiment and social chaos has been understood abroad.

State of siege declared in El Salvador

sidency has fled the country. warrant. At least five people were killed and 50 injured in clashes between troops and rioters yesterday.

Opposition supporters claim that Colonel Ernesto Clarapresidential election 10 days Prensa Gráfica.
The demonstrators

Colonel Claramount flew to Costa Rica yesterday and told reporters there that friends had urged him to flee for his own safety. Senor Morales and other leaders of the National Opposition Union have taken refuge in the Costa Rican Embassy. Embassy, said there were no arrests American republic since 1962
Under a state of siege after yesterday's clashes. Some with the backing of senior milideclared by the Government 2,000 demonstrators trapped in tary officers.—Reuter.

defeated candidate for the pre- zens or arrest them without a Clashes erupted yesterday

morning after troops and police launched tear-gas police launched tear-gas attacks on opposition demonstrators. Witnesses said the mount and Senor José Morales ings during the day, severely Ehrlich, his vice-presidential damaging government offices nominee, were cheated of victory by the Government in the presidential election in data

blocked the commercial centre of San Salvador with barri-cades to demand the reversal of the official result, which Romero. gave the ruling right-wing His v. National Conciliation Party fourth in 67.3 per cent of the vote. Police and military officials

Colonel Claramount told reporters last night in the Costa Rican capital of San José that his wife had stayed behind to look after his house and personal possessions and appeared to be in no danger. He reiterated his allegation that the electoral commission had manipulated the result by

The electoral commission is expected to reject an opposition appeal and confirm the election of General Carlos His victory will be the fourth in succession for the National Conciliation Party which has ruled the Central

putting 400,000 false names on the voters' register of 1,800,000

Peking honours anniversary San Salvador, March 1.— last night, all demonstrations a church were allowed to go free by the Army after the banned for a minimum of 30 Red Cross and Roman Catholic Salvador has restricted civil days. The Army was empowered and political liberties and the defeated candidate for the pre-Peking, March 1.—China as saying that it was China's

calls for the island's "liberation" and invite its inhabitants to come and "have a look" at the mainland.

a picture of Chinese leaders, including Mr Yel Chien ying, entry and departure." Mr Light the Defence Minister, attending a rally to commemorate the revolt 30 years ago against the Nationalist administrators of Taiwan.

today used the anniversary of consistent policy to "[g] an uprising in Taiwan to repeat bygones be bygones and "well bygones" and "well bygones and "well bygones" and "well bygones bygones" and "well bygones" an come all who wish to take the patriotic road". People from Taiwan were

"welcome to come to the main The People's Daily published have a look and we will ensure entry and departure". Mr Lian who has special responsibility for overseas Chinese, made a similar speech on Taiwan last

The People's Daily The meeting, in the Great Hall of the People, was given wide coverage but analysts saw memorating the fifth anaiver speeches. As usual no time speeches. As usual no time shanghai communique, signed limit was set for "the sacred by former President Nixon and Cause of liberating Trivan and Mr. Chem. English the lates. no fresh message in the sary of the publication of the speeches. As usual no time limit was set for "the sacred by former President Nixon and cause of liberating Taiwan and reunifying the motherland".

Mr Liao Cheng-chik, a member of the Communist Party Central Committee, was quoted memorating the fifth analysis and present the publication of the Shanghai communique, signed by former President Nixon and Chinese Prime Minister. In the United States recognized the Community Party Taiwan as part of China.

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Damascus adjusts to tourist hotels, trade vith West and a press that complains

ascus, March 1 iere was a time when a of no Syria turned up at pared for a two-hour wait Damascus only three years ago immigration officials would be more than surprised thed through lists of names at the transition which the passport numbers for any ation that the new arrival relists, because of the consture of their work, find themselves under scrutiny, usually ed by four hours or so requently forbidden entry. Sunday, ir took me just da half minutes to obtain

s on the way to Damascus interested in nothing more all than the possibility the taxi driver was ling cigarettes. road through the mounroad through the mounto Damascus is sometimes
led with military trucks
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less good deal less militant
sur in the past. A new Frenchtie air conditioned hotel has el ilt, air conditioned hotel has constructed outside the for courists and businessn and the shops in the main

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publications, now display entirely dissimilar to that which British and American magazines President Sadat of Egypt has and newspapers on their stands. Those who remember the police state atmosphere in

has undergone.

This apparent liberalization it we persona non grate has had its effect on the embassies where foreign diplomats can now invite Syrian officials to social occasions without first seeking the permission of their ministries. An enormous increase in trade with the West has been paralleled by at least some relaxation in economic transactions within the country. The Syrian newspapers have just begun their first, officially approved, ten-tative steps towards a free press by printing articles which complain about the government health services, water supplies and educational opportunities.

Prominent among the items which have appeared in the Damascus newspapers are articles on Europe and on the historical links between the West and the Arab world. President Assad, still in power seven years after taking over a country traditionally shaken by coups and counter-coups, seems to have decided to pro-more links with Europe not

circumstances. .

Indeed, Syrian interest in Western products bears a quite uncanny resemblance to President Sadat's "open door" economic policies in Egypt. Since 1973, for example, British ex-ports to Syria have risen from £8m to £60m, and West Germany has become Syria's second biggest trading partner. France comes fourth and the United States has already won contracts for a big water supply project in Damascus and for coastal exploration.

Unlike Mr Sadat, however, President Assad has not damaged his trading links with the Soviet Union. Russia is still Syria's first trading partner and the armed forces are still being equipped with spare parts, weapons and vehicles from Soviet factories.

Whether this economic diversification reflects a genuine political liberalization for Syrians themselves however, is a matter for doubt. Most Syrians cannot read the European newspapers so conspicu-ously displayed on the newsstands and the Egyptian press -which might prove critical of Damascus and is printed in

President Assad, Syrian officials suggest, wants to liberalize his country, but for the moment—with so vulnerable a foreign policy and with so much of Syria's military strength fied down in Lebanon —he dare not remove the old governmental pressures

So it is that diplomats warn visitors that the telephones are tapped; businesses are unhappy about leasing Telex machines to those who might use them to indicate that Syrian stability is not a², it might be, and the Mezzeh prison south-west of Damascus still holds political

prisoners.
It is still not clear whether these are signs of permanent government control or the last vestiges of a left-wing radical regime, which is gradually gaining sufficient confidence to trust its people and play a greater historical role in the Arab world.

for a political confederation between Jordan and the Pale-stinians shows that the Syrian Beath Party has not changed in its primary aspiration towards Arab unity. But the relaxed attitude towards Western visitors and trade suggests that the party's overriding interest in the Soviet Union is rapidly losing its appeal.



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ular causes, With considerable emphasis his loyalty to the European mmunity, the Atlantic ms, his determination to minate butter mountains and her worthy objectives, Dr wen wisely refrained from dving too deeply into the ngled web of international trigue and controversy in hich he will only too rapidly

change in pace or expression that any special significances is new role, he told the House are lost. But perhaps if Drust foreign policy must project. Owen can discipline his oratory

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be meeting had at first been betoned until tomorrow orning but it was suddenly uncelled late last night, when brief autouncement said a

w date would be announced

Today Uganda radio quoted resident Amin as amnouncing at the estimated 200 Amerins were now free to leave the

-untry, or to travel within

The cancellation of tomor-

ceting with President Amin.

gelifilia ons imposed on their move-ients last Friday, when they ere ordered not to leave

outwards the values which lay at the core of British society. This was the only way in which a Foreign Secretary could hope to carry public opinion and without public support, any foreign policy was ultimately doomed to failure. He had much to learn, said Dr Owen, but on this he would be unshakable.

But while few could have

But, while few could have faulted the Foreign Secretary on his motives and his objec-tives and while, no doubt, his virtues may be legion in other areas, Dr Owen is unlikely to go into the history books as a great orator. The speed at which he rattles through his procedures are always and the speed at which he rattles through his procedures. speeches produces slurred phrases and mispronounced words so that often his audience is left, no doubt incorrectly, with the impression that he is reading from a brief to which he has given little attention. One sentence rushes headlong into the next with so little

ened the fears which had been

expressed in Uganda about the

as firmly as he intends to dis-pense with what Sir Winston Churchill once described as "mush, slush and gush", there may still be hope for the wretched shorthand writers in the Press Gallery. Dr Owen, as he opened the first foreign affairs debate in

the Commons for many months, received much approval, particularly from the Tory benches, for his aim of balancing morality with reality and for his view that Government action must be hardheaded and prac-

He laid down as the central task of Britain's foreign policy the need for a decision on how best to realize the fundamental best to realize the fundamental objectives of promoting national prosperity while safeguarding national security. Effective foreign policy did not simply depend, he said, on a sound and prosperous economy. Equally important was the commitment to the proclaimed values and beliefs of a society based on the ideals of morality equality. the ideals of morality, equality

Amin restrictions on Americans lifted mystery. Last night, President In Nairobi today, officers of Amin had appeared to be look- the all-Africa conference of Americans in Uganda were ing forward to it eagerly. He churches met to agree on plan to summon heads of churches for a " summit " meet-

ing of African churches to dis-

cuss the situation in Uganda.

presence off the East African coast of an American naval The intention is that the heads task force headed by the airof churches should consider the craft carrier Enterprise.
The United States Governposition of Christians in Uganda, in the light of reports of massacres there after the ment was taking pains not to inflame the situation. It secured the support of several recent discovery of an alleged plot to overthrow President African states, and Saudi Arabia, which sent messages to President Amin seeking assur-ances on the safety of Ameri-Amin. A spokesman said the threat to Americans in Uganda had been an "effective diversion " to distract attention from cans in Uganda. It was announced the real situation.

Uganda that tomorrow will be a public holiday, marking the birthday of the Prophet Washington: Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, said the decision was "a very meering remains a Muhammad positive step ".

Royal tour gunman remanded to hospital

From Roger Berthoud
Wellington, March 1
After her strenuous week on
New Zealand's North Island, the
Queen today left Wellington, the
capital, for six days on the even
less populous and more
dramatically beautiful South
Island.

Island.
Coinciding with her departure in pouring rain, a 28-year-old process worker who had pro-duced a 22 air rifle as she entered the Parliament build-ings in Wellington yesterday appeared in the city magistrate's

court.
The man had produced the gun from a case, with one pellet in it, and within seconds was surrounded by white-helmeted police, a plain-clothes policeman having already disarmed him.

Today's hearing was over in
90 seconds. The man; whose
name the magistrate ordered to
be suppressed, was accused of possessing an air rifle at Parlia-ment Grounds "except for some lawful purpose", and with

possessing an offensive weapon. His counsel said that the man had a long history of mental illness, and sought a remand without ples for a psychiatric report. The man, who appeared to be dazed, was duly remanded for a month to Porirua hospital

for a month to Porirua hospital,
12 miles outside Wellington.
The police appeared to be
delighted at this evidence of
their vigilance. Such air rifles
would be lethal only at point
blank range, and the Queen
was some 100ft away.
Only about 800,000 of New
Zealand's three million people
live on the South Island—
slightly more than are crowded
in Auckland, and the drain from
south to north goes on.

south to north goes on.
Christchurch, the most
"English" of New Zealand's
cities and with some 320,000 people the largest on the South Island, has waxed prosperous from wool meat and grain from the dead-flat Canterbury plains. The west of the island being heavily mountainous, most of the larger cities are on the east coast. Among those which the Queen will visit are Rienheim, Timaru, Dunedin and Inver-

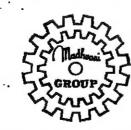
The chief products are timber, fruit and vegetables, and aluminium ingots using the hydro-electric power from lake Manapouri, mainly exported to Japan. There are few Maoris on the South Island, but quite a number of descendants of Scots, many of whom prospered during the gold rushes of the last

century.

On Monday, after a virtually engagement-free weekend, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh leave by air from Christ-church for three probably less trouble-free weeks in Australia, where republican sentiment is stronger.

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Salisbury plea to Britain ver missing children

lisbury, March 1 The Rhodesian Government reign Office to investigate alleged disappearance in mbia of 15 black Rhodesian molchildren:

The Rhodesian Foreign Miniy said today that according press reports the children my 15 and their bodies buried in a telegram to the Foreign mistry said that the parents the children abducted to mbia were seeking identifica-n of the dead and the return their bodies. The Government confirmed

that 11 black schoolchildren abducted at gunpoint from a mission school had been returned by the Botswana Government alleged disappearance in the series of the school had been returned by the Botswana Government and that efforts were being made to obtain the return being made to obtain the return of another 12.

Introducing a Bill amending the Land Tenure Act in the Rhodesian Parliament today, Mr Mark Partridge, Minister of Lands, said the changes would mean whites would have exclu-sive ownership rights to only half a per cent of the total

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Britain will not Foreign Office spokesman. It has no direct knowledge of the facts.

Keith Richard faces drug trading charge

Toronto, March 1.-Mr Keith Richard, guitarist with the Rolling Stones rock group, has been charged with possessing heroin for the purpose of trafficking. An punce of heroin worth about \$4,000 (£2,300) was seized in a city centre hotel on Sunday

after a week-long investigation at Toronto airport by Royal Canadian Mounted Police Earlier, Mr Richard's girl friend, Miss Anita Pallenberg, was arrested at the airport and

charged with possessing hashish and heroin. The spokesman said 10 grams of hashish were found, together with a spoon on which traces of heroin were

lack journalist eld by security olice in Soweto

om Our Own Correspondent samesburg, March I Vir Joe Thiolog president of sch Africa's Union of Black malists and a reporter on World newspaper was and by security police to

three white and two black-icemen arrived at his Soweto ne at 4.30 am and searched house. They left with Mr. olos. They refused to say ere they were taking him. was later confirmed that he being held under the Ter-

ast year Mr Thloloe became ck journalists held under the Fral security Act. He was ed in December after 103

ir Percy Coboza, his for, accused the police of ying out a "sustained and el campaign of terrorism inst black journalists." leanwhile, South African torities are studying a rest by the Rhodesian police the extradition from South Douglas Sherck, who is Rhodesian Army.

Rhodesia role of oil firms queried

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary, will be asked today to investigate allegations that Sheli and British Petroleum are allowing their South African

allowing their south Arrican subsidiaries to supply petroleum to Rhodesia, in breach of the United Nations' economic sanctions. Mr Robert Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen, North, who is chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, said yesterday he would raise the

In a report published yesterday by the movement and the Haslemere Group, Shell and British Petroleum are accused of breaking sanctions through a company called Freight Ser-

"Since UDI [the unilateral declaration of independence], the Rhodesian subsidiaries of Shell and BP have been directed companies, under local legislation, and the head-quarters of the oil firms in London claim to have no con-trol over their operations, the

report says. "Shell and BP, it could be argued, might have been able to take some action to put pres-sure on their Rhodesian subsi-diaries to comply with United

their Rhodesian companies. Shell and BP, however, still retain control over the opera-tions of their South African subsidiaries,"

The report says that Shell and BP have not denied that their South African subsidiaries sold petroleum to Freight Services, a South African company, and neither of them appeared to have investigated allegations that Freight Services had been supplying oil to Rhodesia.

The simple facts of the

situation are that Shell and BP both refine oil in Durban; the two companies distribute petro-leum inside Rhodesia; and clearly fuel has been flowing from South Africa to Rhodesia. There is therefore little doubt that Shell and BP oil has been

reaching Rhodesia.

The only question that remains is whether the South African subsidiaries of the two companies are themselves in-volved in this trade. But until Shell and BP have announced that they have taken measures to ensure that their products are not exported to Rhodesia.

clouds of suspicion will remain.

critical of the large investment plans that both companies have

The report is also highly

which they have helped South Africa to evade the oil embargo imposed by the Arab members of the Organization of Petro-

leum Exporting Countries.

Both companies are believed to sell petroleum to the South African armed forces and the police. Oil from the Shell/BP refinery, for instance, may well have been used by the motorized column which invaded Angola in 1975. The two companies are deeply involved in supporting the repression of the black population of South

A spokesman for BP said the company would prefer not to comment until the report had been studied.

A Shell spokesman said the company had been in South Africa for about 70 years and

felt its presence there was

The report which was published today itself points out that if western oil companies took steps to prevent their petroleum from reaching Rhodesia, they could be liable to prosecution under South African law, he said. "The petroleum firms are forbidden from restricting their customers or the destination of their

Tueart does it his way and gives no fewer than four renditions

Manchester City 2 Norwich City 0 Manchester City 2 Norwich City 0
Pick yourself up, dust yourself down, and start all over again, say the lyrics of a Shatra song. Manchester City, baving received the rough edge of Leeds United's Cup challenge, pushed themselves into second place behind Liverpool last night, but only after a bizarre sequence of events at Maine Road.

Manchester City beat Norwich 2—0 with two penalties from Tueart. In order to score twice. Tueart had to place the ball in the net four times because of the rulings of Mr Roger Kirkpatrick he of the chubby frame and plistening pate who finds publicity as readily as Elizabeth Taylor or Vanessa Redgrave.

ne of the Calabeth Taylor or Vanessa Redgrave.

City had spent a first half of total frustration as their continuous onslaught falled to produce a goal against an ordinary Norwich side lacking Boyer and Machin. Theart himself had missed the easiest of chances, and Keelan, who usually produces spectacular performances on occasions like this, had scarcely been troubled despite City's frantic attacks.

The second half began in similar fashlon, with City raiding the Norwich goal but raising few hopes of a decisive breakthrough. Then, in the fifty-seventh minute. Donachie made a long, sinuous run and Evans brought Theart to earth in the penalty area. Norwich appealed forcefully that Theart was offside, and Mr Kirkpatrick went over to consult his linesman. There was a long debate between them while the crowd hummed with anticination, and when Mr Kirkpatrick finally pointed to the 1904 an erormous right went up. However, the dramatics were unly beginning.

As Theart raced forward to take the kick, Kidd and Royle want with him like a pack of rugby forwards storming the line. Theart placed his kick wide of Keelan and into the net, but Mr Kirkpatrick disallowed the 2003 because of the encroachment in the penalty area of Theart's team celleagues.

shot into the same place to the right of Keelan, and Mr Kirkright of keelah, and Mr Kris-patrick ruled that there had been encrockingent as the scorer shot. For a third time, with the crowd in a ferment compounded of mixed laughter and anger. Tueart took the kick. It says much for his sheer nerve that he placed it in exactly the same spot, again beat-ing Reelan, and this time beat pursuers while satisfying the

Minutes later, while the crowd buzzed with the debates on the remarkable case of the thrice taken remarkable case of the thrice taken penalty, Kild was allegedly tripped in the area, and Tueart stepped forward again. If it takes nerve to place a ball in the same spot three innes, a fourth time smacks of sheer knpudence.

Keelan might have presumed that the shot would again go to his right, but he was powerless to stop it, and City and their fans were at last able to relax and feel warmer in the damp, drizzly evening.

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Norwich, who threatened no more than a handful of times throughout the game, gave a little and late flourish. The former Tottenham winger, Neighbour darted bither and thither and got clumped unceremoniously for his pains. The Norwich manager, John Bond sent on his 19-year-old son, kevin for a taste of League football five minutes from the end, but this was merely a talking pwint, having as little impact on the game as Norwich had done throughout.

City can now breathe beavily down the necks of Liverpool from their vantage point of one point in arrears with a game in hand. They will, however, need to tidy up their game and rely less on weird events like those of last evening if they are to overtake the furnidable Liverpool side.

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Hibbitt holds on to what he wins for Wolves

By Arthur Osman
Wolverhampton 2 Blackpool 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers had
threatened to fall from grace with
a rather shaming squelch of indecision in their own mud until
Hibbirt, their man of many parts
on this and other occasions, fired Illibitt, their man of many parts on this and other occasions. fired the winning shot four minutes from the end and within 30 seconds was on his own goalline with one bowed leg deflecting a certain equalizer from Spence.

It made for a wonderfully exhibitating finish with Blackpool entitled to count themselves unlucky not to merit a point after a mirited and somewhat unexpecspirited and somewhat unexpec-ed resurgence in the second half which shook Wolverhampton to the

Such had been Wolverhampton's confidence and assurance as they played with resource to build on an early lead from the ubleuitous Daly that the chauvinists in the crowd were impelly anticipating at least five by the interval. They certainly came within a hairsbreadth of getting three, which made so much of their second half performance all the more inexplicable. They visibly wilted and their verve disappeared rather as their bathwater must have done Such had been Wolverhampton's

at an even later stage.

Blackpool, only fitful and perforce concentrating on essential containment in the first balf, were not slow to appreclate the decline nor slow to appreciate the decline and came roaring into the game. The emergence of skills that had hitherto been absent or only shown in flashes, brought them a well-earned equalizer and but for Hibbitt's sturdy leg, would have gained them a point.

It was not to be however, and

it ended in Wolverhampton's 18th game without defeat, their ninth successive home win and, most important, second place with two games in hand on the second division leaders, Chelsea. It also saw Daly become the fifth goal scoring member of their team to reach double figures and reinforce an already impressive goal account.

His goal, scored after 14 minutes, was one that excited by its marvellous execution as he utes, was one that excited by its marvellous execution as he swooped in from just outside the renalty area to mact a corner kick from Carr. heading it souarely into the top of the net. Hibbitt earlier had a shot hit the angle of post and bar, Daly pulled another one just wide as did Richards a minute or so later. In addition Wood, who had a fine game, made two splendid saves to keep Blackpool's interest alive at that stage.

Then came the alarming decline as Blackpool went forward with aggression and cohesion that paid off in the 64th minute. Suddaby pushed a header forward, McAlle missed his tackle and Hatton, though longer in the tooth those days, never looked such a gift horse in the mouth and calmly pushed it wide of Pierce.

Walsh could easily have had another but took the ball a yard anomer but took me ball a fard too wide. Then Hibbitt snatched both points as he thumped the ball 30 yards along the ground after Daly had miscued it in the



Wrexham enhance their promotion prospects

Wrexham gained two more promotion points in a conclusive victory over a Bury side weakened by the absence of five first team players with influenza. The Welsh side were masters throughout with

midfield.

Bury tried hard but their inexperienced youngsters had little chance. After early pressure, Ash-croft put Wrexhum ahead in 13 minutes following a corner goal of the season.

Bury tried hard but had not the skill or power to get to grips with their task. They were caught out two minutes from the interval when Shinton seized on a defensire mismke and Whittle scored easily. From then on, Wrexham were Coasting and, despite all Bury's energy, which was ex-pended to little purpose, the home side never had a chance. In fact, it was Wrexham who came close to scoring when Whittle crashed a tremendous drive against the Bury crosshar.

A devastating first half, which strewsbury. They came back strongly after the interval hut could not make up the leeway. Jeffrey struck after two minutes, chesting in a cross from Fogg for his third goal in three games and.

After two fine saves by Plumier, Newport fell furtier behind to a goal by O'Callagban after a defensive mix-up. This clinched a double for Rovers, although Parsons reduced the lead in the 85th minute.

A competition that has become

increasingly significant as a source for international rugby

players reaches its climax this season with roday's final at

season with today's final at Twickenham of the Universities Athletic Union championship

hetween Loughborough Students

and Newcastle University (3.0).

The two teams have their greatest

strengths in different areas. One

of the better UAU finals, marked by skill as well as entertainment,

Loughborough, possessing imaginative backs and a seasured pack, are undoubted favourities to

pack, are undoubted favouries to win this year's competition, which has again been helped floancially by Watney Mann Limited. Yet Newcastle this winter have shown unexpected resilience when, technically, the underdogs more than once. Their forwards should not be outplayed in the loose and in their full back, Clarkson, a North-umberland, county player, they

imberland county player, they

therefore seems assured.

Rugby Union

By Richard Streeton

Wrexham 2 12 minutes later, Seacole increased the lead. Maguire pulled one back soon afterwards, but Oxford's nonstop attacks brought Jeffrey another goal and Foley converted a penalty. Burton made three superb saves from Lawrence, before he headed Shrewsbury's second in the sixty-minth minute.

Rochdale 3 Southport 0
Two goals within 20 sesconds
during the first half smushed
Southport's hopes. Both sides produced a scrappy game for the first
half but

half hour.

When Whelan scored Rochdale's first and Mclledew the second, almost from the restart, the game was as good as over. Rochdale's third goal, through Mclledew, midway through the second half was marsly the icing on the cake. merely the icing on the cake.

Newport 1 Boncaster 2
Table - propping Newport,
haunted again by re-election fears
after an 18-match sequence without a league win, wasted first half cnances. Parsons shot wide of an empty net and Peacock did weil to push a beader by Derrett on to the bar. Doncaster surged in front after 49 minutes with a goal by Kitchen. Parsons shot wide of an

have the outstanding place kicker on either side.

The anticipated soft going at Twickenham, too, should mitigate against Loughborough's tradition-

ally ambitious banding moves.
The heavy rain in London yester-day caused this morning's scheduled UAU 2nd XV final between

Loughborough and Swansea at the Stoops Memorial ground to be abandoned.

Loughborough, seeking their fifteenth championship since 1950 and Newcastle, playing in their third final since they became a separate entity from Durham in 1963, are the survivors from an entry of 39 universities this seach. They have come through the

soh. They have come through an arduous regional competition run on a league basis, followed by a knockout event for the eight top

Loughborough took their time to settle this season but have had

sufficient strength in depth that a player such as Howard Thomas,





McKenzie (left), an elaborate frill for Everton, and Macdonald, a muted threat for Arscnal.

Everton's slips showing again

By Tom German

Everton 2

Arsenal 1

Pour consecutive wins in League and Cup suggest that Everton are at last acquiring some of the consistency which their new manager, Gordon Lee, says is among their prime requirements. Certainly, there was a steadier, more organized look about them as they kept Arsenal at arm's length for half the march at Goodison Park last night, but then old frailties showed themselves and their concentration lapsed. Arsenal got a goal back as Everton's defence faltered and the whistle came as a welcome relief.

Still, Arsenal were scarcely apotent force. Macdonald, with a meagre service, offered only a muted threat, though he snapped up his opportunity to score adroitly enough when it came. Hudson had a modest match in the middle of the field, and Arsenal turned to Stapleton and Russ for their livelier moments.

It. at the end, Arsenal quickened their approach, sceuting the sudden prospect of a share of the spolls, they had scarcely done enough to deserve it earlier ou.

There were no elaborate frills about Everton, Mckenzie apart. They built their early moves on

That should have bolstered Everton's assurance. Instead it seemed only to lay bare their anxiety to record their first home win in the championship since November. Arsenal had hinted at uncertainty in Everton's defence in one of their rare first half attacks when Brady found Ross as he sprinted forward, but the shot passed across the goal.

That same uncertainty was

That same uncertainty was again betrayed on the hour as both Lyons and McNaught nook a long, leisurely look at a ball crossed from the right, allowing Macdonald a shot which Latchford of all people, booted off the line. The defence was just as lax. and should have had the ball away, when Arsenal finally managed to find a gap 16 minutes from the end. Macdonald touched his shot away and stirred Arsenal to some purpose for the first time in the match. Overall, though, it was a modest offering from both sides.

EVERTOR: D. LEWERT: D. Jones.

EVERTON: D. Lawson: D. Jone, Pelic, M. Leons, R. McNaught Bloch, B. Hamilton, M. Dobson Latchford, D. McNenzie, R. Goot

French football finds a spur

From Norman Fox Football Correspondent,

St Etienne, March 1

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French football, dormant at International level since 1958, stood to attendion in Paris Isas; week when West Germany, the world champions, were beaten 1—0. There was a warning and a spur in that result. The French had been in the wilderness for longer than England, and that was the encouragement. But at the heart of their winning team were several players fro mithe St Etienne club, last year's attractive losers to Bayern Munich in the European Cup final. The warning was to Liverpool who, tomorrow night, (7.30) meet them here in the quarter final round of this season's European Cup.

The warning also extended to

The warning also extended to the Republic of Ireland who have to play France in a World Cup qualifying match in Dublin on March 30, but for the moment the threat is mainly to Liverpool's consuming ambition to become the first Football League club to win the European Cup since Manchester United in 1968. This desire

to cap their eleventh season in continental competition with the ultimate European honour is most deeply felt by such patrion as the captain, Hughes, who so obviously feels the blade when criticism is made of the British game. St Etienne received high praise St Etienne received high praise and widespread sympathy when they lost to a goal by Bayern's Roth at Hampden Park. For the French, the compliments from British managers, including Don Revie, who travelled here with Liverpool today, were effusive but probably born out of a familiar understanding for St Etienne's persistent unrewarded pressure which failed to disrupt Bayern's brazen composure. British teams had suffered similarly many times in the past.

in the past.

Although St Etienne's league form this season has not been impressive—they stand in the middle of the table—they are indisputably sound on the important

disputably sound on the important occasion.

If Liverpool are to take advantage of a home second leg, they need only draw or hold the French to a low scoring victory. Easily said, perhaps, but that must be the target against a beam whose away

form this season has been poor. St Etienne have yet to scora an away goal in European competition this season.

The possibility of Liverpool playing without Keegan, who has a thigh injury, still remains. He will have a fitness test in the morning, although today he was cautiously optimistic. If Keegan has to drop out McDermott, will replace him.

Mr Paisley, Liverpool's manager, admits that tomorrow's game will be "as tough as anything we could face in the league".

Four members of the promising

could face in the league ".

Four members of the promising French national team will be playing tomorrow. Rocheteau, St. Brienne's excellent forward, has recovered from injury and played in the club's first away win of the season against the French league's bottom club, Rennes, at the weekend. Their midfield players are especially effective, but Liverpool are indeed "no mugs" at home, or abroad. or abroad.

ET ETIENNE: Curkovic: Janvjon Plazza, Lopez, Farison, Mathenay, San Ini, Synawghel, Larque, Rocheteau, P Revolli. LIVERPOOL: B. Clemence: P. Neal P. Thompson. E. Hughes, J. Jones J. Case, I. Callighan, R. Kennady, K. Kengan, J. Toshack, S. Helshway.

Rangers still hope to be at home

The Queen's Park Rangers pitch survived yesterday's rain, but any-thing more than a drizzle overmight seems likely to send the first leg of the Uefa Cup quarter-final round match against AEK to Wembley tomorrow.

Rangers are still hoping to play the game at Loftus Road tomight but it can be assumed that they will not be too upset if Ole Amundsen, the Danish referee, decides the pitch is not fit. After all, Rangers wanted it at Wembley in the first place but UEFA decided otherwise after promptings from the Greeks.

Dave Sexton, the Rangers manager, reckons that the game could take place at Loftus Road it conditions do not deteriorate. "We could just about play on it at the moment", he said yesterday. "It rained today. But it all depends on what happens to the weather overnight."

Stan Bowles and Don Masson, the international pair left out by Sexton for last Saturday's game against Lefcester, are back to face night seems likely to send the

Sexion for last Saturday gibbs against Leicester, are back to face AEK. John Hollins drops out of the midfield to accommodate Masson and takes over at right back in place of the England defender. Dave Clement, who is under a UEFA suspension.

Colin Murphy, the Derby County manager, has rejected a Stoke
City bid for Charles George, the
England striker. Stoke are understood to have offered £200,000,

able to gain a place.

knockout stage, Loughborough first eliminated the strong Leeds

side 22—3 and then overcame Swansea, last year's beaten finalists, 13—3.

finalists, 13—3.

Last week they frounced St Luke's 24—3 in their annual series. All the matches were played in heavy going and confirmed the potential of their England under 23 players, Sass. Thornton and Gillingham in the pack, and Hartley, the captain and scrum half. Phillips, the standoff, too, is clearly a player with a future.

future.
Newcastle's two previous finals

Newcastle's two previous finals were in 1969, when they went down 22—6 to Durham after playing much of the game two men short in the days before replacements, and a year later when they drew with Bangor. This season their prospects did not look good after losing their first match to Hull, but victories over Sheffield

who has played at lock and No 8 and Durham, both against the for London Welsh, has not been form book; won them their pre-able to gain a place. At the liminary group.

Yesterday's results and scorers

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Clarkson's kicking on wet grounds then took Newcastle past first Bristol, and then the holders, the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, by margins of 12—6 and 6—4

or science and rectionogy, by margins of 12—6 and 6—4

LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS: A. Whiteley (Bingley CS) D. Rees (Chepstow), M. Knight (Crossley and Porter GS), R. Evans (Lampeter), K. Williams (St. Julian), K. Newport); A. Phillips and Siden GS. S. Rardy (Great Baddow), Locising (King's School, Grantian) —1 Thornton (Holl GS), N. Gillingham (RGS Oulldord), I. Jones (Borelamwood CS), C. O'Callaghan (Brantian), Port Talbot), R. Black (Borelamwood CS), C. O'Callaghan (Broylawst); D. Carrie (Dundermon BS), Charty (Brantian), P. Jarvis (St. Chithert's); N. Wright, (King SS), D. Smith (Lamington), P. Jarvis (St. Chithert's); N. Wright, (King (Cliffom); M. Sions (Ormskirk CS), M. Carsiwe (Marchison Casile), M. Rennison (Brottom), P. de Lacy (Hull GS), P. Gaskell (Ormskirk CS), J. Trenholm (Ripen CS), A. Dodsworth (Beauchamp); C. Forman (King Henry VIII, Covepts).

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Today's football fixtures

SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round rou SLOTISH FIRST DIVISION, Airdrie Clydolank (7.50): Dumbarian v St Johnstone (7.50): Faligh v Queen of the South (7.50): Et Mirren v East Nic (7.50): ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division was v Addications. Second division: ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division:
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Loicester; Swansen v Bristol.
RUGBY LEAGUE, Second division:
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WCT event By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent

Jim Moore, a Lordon stamp dealer who has become a familiar and popular figure in British tennis and squash since he left Queensland in 1964, is to referce the World Championship Tennis tournament at Earls Court from March 29 to April 3. Moore played international tennis for seven seasons and has directed the Itanbul tournament for nine years.

Earls Court will be the minth

first round Memphis. March 1.—Mark Cox, of Britch, defcated Bernie Mitron, of South Africa, 6—4. 3—6, 6—4 in the opening round of the United States National indoor tennis tournament. Cox, seeded No 6, will meet Sashi Menon, of India, in the next round. Menon dispused of John Fewer, of Britain, 7—6, 6—3.

with Katrina Jane Colebrook, of Camook, having burst into the limelight over 800 metres on the indoor track this winter and twice breaking the Commonwealth Indoor record, many were looking forward to summer duels between the two. It was probable that the United Kingdom national outdoor record Comin 0 Sept. see in 1972

United Kingdom national outdoor record (2min 0.5sec, set in 1972 by Rosemary Wright) would at last descend below two minutes. Last year 18 women, 11 of them from the Soviet Union and East Germany, ran below two minutes with the Russian, Tatyana Kazankina, setting the current world

Tennis

Athletics

over

for Miss

Barnes By Cliff Temple Athletics Correspondent

Byran Bertram, of South Africa, continued his mastery of the American, Stan Smith, beating him 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. It was the 24-year-old Bertram's second win year-old Bertram's second win over Smith in as many meetings. Bertram beat Smith two years ago in straight sets at Wimbledon.

The South African won the match easily with a service break in the eighth game of the third set. "I considered myself the favourite in this match since I had decisively beaten Stan before", Bertram suid. "He seemed to come out of his shell to win the de-break, but still I felt everything was going to be mine."

mine."

Juime Fillol, of Chile, was beaten by West Germany's Frank Gebert 6—4, 7—5. Balazs Taroczy, of Hungary, the fourteenth seed, lost to Fred McNair, of the United States, 6—3, 6—7, 6—2, and Victor Pecci, of Paraguay, the fifteenth seed, lost to an American, Pat Dupree, 6—0, 6—4.

Dupree, 6—0, 6—4.

**RESULTS: First round: M. Cax (GB) heat A. Mitton (SA) hast J. Fayard (GB), 7—6, 6—1; P. Fleming (US) heat J. Faillist (France) heat C. Frederick (CG) heat J. Faillist (France) heat C. Frederick (CG) heat J. Faillist (France) heat S. Frederick (CG) heat J. Frederick (CG) heat J.

Stamp dealer to referee

years. Earls Court will be the uinth of 12 tournaments from which eight singles players and eight doubles pairs will qualify for WCT showpiece events at Dallas (singles) and Kansas City (doubles). In singles the leaders after five tournaments are Connors (temporarily out of action with a torn muscle in his Contors (temporarly out of action with a torn muscle in his left knee), Stockton, Drysdale, Okker, Nastase, Roche, Fibak, Gerulaitis and Rosewall. The leading doubles pair are Fibak and Okker, who have won four out of five rournaments and 16 matches out of 17.

out of 17.
This week the WCT circuit is This week the WCT circuit is in Monterey. After pausing for the annual United States v Australia match in Connecticut, the tour will resume at St Louis before moving to Europe for three events (at Rotterdam, Earls Court and Monte Carlo) and then returning to the United States for the concluding tournaments at Houston and Charlotte, North Carolina.

The quiet man who lost his temper, money and bout

Billy Aird, of Liverpool, a quiet Billy Aird, of Liverpool, a quiet man outside the ring, had f1,000 of his purse withheld after being disqualified in the fifth round of a 10-round contest against Avenamar Peralta, of Argentina, at Cesar's Palace, Luton, on Monday night. Aird was careless in the extreme before Sid Nathan, one of Britain's top referees, turned him out.

Then Aird let the referee know what he thought of him and that will be another item on the agenda when the Board of Control meet to consider the official reports of the incidents later this week Whether it was over frustration or, as Aird claims, over-reaction by the referee to Peralta's "acting" does not matter.
There was no acting when
Peralta was cut above the eye
after a collision with the top of

Aird's head in the fifth round. Aird was warned for hitting low, hitting on the break and letting his head wander into Peralm's face. Mr Nathan said afterwards: "I gave him a final warming and then he did it again." Aird was finally disqualified for illegal use of the head and he received little

Claiming that he had never been disqualified before as an amateur or a professional, Aird said the trouble was that Peralta was appealing to the referee "every time I got near him". Peralta, weighing 13st 11b, had about half a stone of extess around the waist. He could hardly have the waist. He could bardly have won by his own efforts. Aird was 16ib heavier and was beginning to take a firm hold and it was unfortunate that he allowed his strong-arm tactics to run out of control.



Miss Barnes: the end of a mystery and the end of

record of 1min 54.9secs in winning the Olympic tide at Montreal.

But in 1976 only one British girl, Miss Barnes, ran faster outdoors than the 2min 2.5secs which Miss Colebrook achieved in the more difficult indoor conditions last month. Miss Barnes did so on the occasions with a best of 2min five occasions, with a best of 2min 1.4sec, and would probably have broken two minutes herself had she not suffered the early interruption to her progress.

After a consequently disastrons performance in the Olympic trials in June, which she was expected to win but instead tailed off in heat, she managed to find some form for the Olympics. But she was eliminated at Montreal

in a sub-two minute heat. The effectively, was the end of season as the mysterions being the control of the con " I will be going to the F ham Park rehabilitation centre treatment after the operation two or three months how suc

ful it has been, and whether can resume training. There is guarantee that it will be 100 cent successful", she said. "I may mind I am aiready plant the training I intend to do n winter in readiness for the 1 Commonwealth Games and Engean championships".

Chappell confident about Cox beats centenary Test and tour Mitton in

Auckland, March 1.—Australia needed only 30 balls to score the 28 runs needed to win the second Tost march against New Zealand by 10 wickets here today. Play, started 40 minutes late because of drizzle, but once they were at the wicket. Turner and Davis, the Australian opening balsmen, quickly finished the match.

Turner, taking most of the strike, batted as well as he had at any stage of the tour and finished with an unbeaten 20 that included a six off Chatfield, the fast bowler. Davis hit the winning runs, cutting Chatfield to the boundary.

Greg Chappell, the Australian captain, said that his side were confident of doing well against captain, said that his side were confident of doing well against England in the centenary Test in Melbourne on March 12 and during the tour of England later this year. "It was important our selectors were not forced to make whole-color forced to make whole-color forced to make whole-color forced to make whole-

sale changes by an unsuccessful tour and I think there is every chance all 14 players here will make the English tour ". Chappell make the English tour. Chappen said.

"I have no complaints about the way the fellows performed. It is important that Gary Gilmour bowls a bit better, but it is basically a loss of confidence which should come right." Gilmour which should come right." Gilmour and the same manufact of any could be a key member of any Australian side to tour England, particularly if Thomson, the fast bowler, fails to recover from his shoulder injury.

Chappell complimented leving Zealand on their standard of Payland emphasized the important of better-prepared pitches if home side's youngsters were a make the grade as Test crickers New Zealand 229 (G. Howards 59 G. N. Edwards first Lurc live for 51) and 175 (R. Howards 59 G. N. Edwards first Lurc live for 51) and 175 (R. Howards 59 G. N. Edwards first Lurc live for 51) and 175 (R. Howards 59 G. N. Edwards first Lurc live for 51) and 175 (R. Howards 59 G. N. Edwards first lines for 60) a 28 for 6 wki.

Sydney, Marth 1.—Australia selectors will meet in Melbourn tomorrow to choose the team for the centenary Test against Englanding the Control of Melbourn tomorrow to choose the team for the centenary Test against Englanding the Control of discussing. The dashing Adelaide left made has hit five centuries from for last six innings in Sheffield Ship cricket, and is being tipped for replace Turner, the Sydney opering batsman, who played in 6 heam who beat New Zealand in the man who beat New Zealand in the man who beat New Zealand in the West Indies have dropper foster, the Jumnican all-rounder Holder, the fast bowier, in cause Holder, the fast bowier, in the Decause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury, Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury. Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury. Insign Ali, the Trimidad spin bowier, in the Beause of a thigh injury.

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Greig hurt a finger while keep-ing wicket in place of Knort yes-terday and Old has been suffering from back trouble since before the fifth Test against India. He has bowied only three overs in nearly a month.

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Hockey

RAF fail to take advantage during their ascendancy

By Sydney Friskin

RAF 1 Civil Service 2

A late goal by Sutherland from a short corner enabled the Civil Service hockey team to defeat the Royal Air Force at Vine Lane yesterday in a tense finish. If Civil Service beat the Army at Aldershot next Tuesday they will complete a 100 per cent record against the armed forces, as they did last year. did last year.
Yesterday's march was highly enjoyable except for a few perty irritations towards the end. They led to the cautioning of a couple of Civil Service players. But there was a lot of good hockey played by two fast and experienced sets of forwards who found each other of forwards who found each other with quick passes, deftly executed.

Civil Service, fielding four Scottish international players, Kilgour, Bachelor, Stobbie and Sutherland, took their usual 20 minutes to settle down. In that time the RAF could have taken a firm held on the same partia firm hold on the game, parti-cularly from three short corners earned in quick succession. Draper's shot from the third of these awards just missed the mark and a good effort by Quian from open play was answered by a hasty clearance from the line.

Many of the Civil Service attacks were controlled by Sutherland and Stobbie and the first threat from this combination came in the twenty-first mimits when a shot by Sutherland was padded away and cleared by another defender before Ellis could follow up. Then a couple of minutes: up. Then a couple of minutes before half time Brindley sent Stubble racing through a gap to score the first goal. He cluded

two defenders and the forsiking goalkeeper had no chance as in advanced to the top of the circle. With Mayo relieving Basey, the Civil Service forward line will strengthened, but the RAF seized the initiative and held the opposition under considerable present with Bates and Duerden making most of the openings and Lawles putting in some useful work of the left. But the greater danger came from a Civil Service comments. came from a Civil Service counter offensive during which the RAF goalkeeper saved a powerful shot by Sutherland off a short corner by Sutherland off a short content.

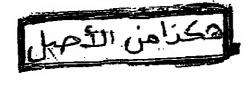
The RAF's persistence brough them a well taken goal in the twenty-fifth minute by Aldrid who converted a short corner and a superb whot after a perfect handstop by Marshall. The more that led to the award was launched by Duerden and van Ree. The RAF did not take advantage by Duerden and van Ree. In RAF did not take advantage of their long period of ascendant after this and with barely us minutes to go Satherland scars, via the gnalkeeper's pads from whort corner after a flawless hand, stop by Bachelor. ROYAL AIR FORCE: Col D. high (Costrad): Sept P. A. Aldrich (ROSTLAD): Sept P. A. Stubble C. Sutherland: Cripital P. Bachelor, H. Shia, E. Fills, A. Stubble C. Sutherland: Vickery, C. Baser (Sutherland: Vickery, C. Baser (Sutherland: Rostlad): Sept P. Martin (Contles): A. Stubble C. Sutherland: Vickery, C. Baser (Sutherland: Rostlad): Sept P. Martin (Contles): A. Stubble C. Sutherland: Sept P. M. F. Martin (Contles): A. Stubble C. Sutherland: Sept P. M. F. Martin (Contles): A. Martin (Contles): A. Martin (Contles): Rostlad (Rostlad): Ro Today's matches LOMBON LEAGUE: London United Sity v Cheam (2.30); Hawks : Osiga University (2.30).

Cup for New Zealanders

By Joyce Whitehead

The New Zealand women's The New Zealand women's hockey team won a cup yesterday. They beat Derbyshire in the final of 2 six-a-side tournament. The Midlands had planned a seven-a-side tournament, in honour of the New Zealanders' visit, on the Derbyshire county cricket ground at Derby, but because of the weather the event was hastily changed to a six-a-side indoor event at Alfreton Leisure Centre. There were nine Midland county teams, a president's six and two teams from New Zealand. There were two sections and each team played all the others in the sec-

tion. The matches were of minutes' doration. Derbyshire won one section the New Zealanders A the other After a rousing 10-minute final the New Zealanders emerged winners scoring four goals to nil and received the trophy presented by Tomorrow the New Zealanders play a full Midlands side except that Zena Jackson is unable to play because of illaess and Gwel Jones has been brought back the the forward line. The match will the forward line. The match will be the country of the c start at two o'clock on the count cricket ground. Trent strick Nottingham, and is being called the Midlands Jubilee match.



Imagination and brawn in university challenge

Weights in

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By Michael Seely

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4.0 (3.2) AUCKLAND HILL STEEPLE-CHASE (Buniars; \$707; 32m).

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9-11-11 Mr A. T. Wates (20-1)
1-12 Mr R. Page (evens fav)
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3 ALSO RAN: 7-1 Apache Chief, 10-1
1-2 Lady Anappurus, Moor Lad, 14-1 Lady
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4.00 (4.35) CORPORATION HURBLE (Handicap: £870: 3m 122yds)

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11-1 Willow Hound, 12-1 French Pin
(f), 14-1 Apple of my Eye, 16-1 km,
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failed to settle down, not eating an oat. Richards told me, "That was just not Pattern Maker's true form. I shall still run him in either the Panama Cigar final or in the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Chekenham. Chekenham

Chekenham.

It is difficult to see who is soing to beat French Hollow at Chepstow after yesterday's performance. In a race that was run at a crawl in the early stages. Michael Dickinson took the French-bred horse to the front at the third hurdle. He seemed to have his race won going to the last hurdle, but blundered, enabling the Bo-Weevil to put in a challenge. But when shaken up, French Hollow quickened and was going away again in the final 50 going away again in the final 50 yards.

on the Gold Cup from, rd Head said yesterday that will know more about the se of Border Incident in a stime. Sore shine take some to return to normal and until seven-year-old has had a e of camers, it will be diffito see what progress he is now. Hells have taken both as our of the betting. They make Lanzarote and Fort at their co-favourites at 3-1; then go 9-2 Barnow Rambler 12-1 Fort Fox.

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The Bo-Weevil's trainer, Peter Railey and Capetia. beld until April 5,

The Bo-Weevil's trainer, Peter Bailey, said that Raymond Guest's six-year-old will now be aimed at the Sun Alliance Hurdle. "I was hoping for a truly run race". Bailey said, "so that I could decide whether the Bo-Weevil had enough speed for the two-mile Lloyds Bank Champion Novices' Hurdle. But after this inconcinsive test I have no option but to take



Pendil: hurt his neck in a fall at Lambourn.

ball mile race."

The only favourite to win yesterday at Doncaster was Double Negative, who had no difficulty in landing the odds of 7—4 laid on him in the Wheatley Park Steeplechase. The winner's trainer, fred Rimell, said afterwards that he could well run four horses in the Grand National. John Burke will have the mount on Andy Pandy, Stan Morshead on Brown Admiral, Richard Evans on The Pilgarlic and Richard Evans on The Pilgarlic and Colin Tinkler on Royal Thrust. Peter Easterby produced the two hig surprises yesterday. In the final race of the afternoon, the Corporation Challenge Trophy

Handicap Hurdle, the Malton trainer saddled the top weight, Iown Ship, to romp home by three lengths. Town Ship, who started at 20—1, will now be aimed at either the Lloyds Bank Hurdle or the Joe Cural Golden Hurdle at the National Hurst meeting. Easterby's second surprise came when the champion hurdler, hight Nurse, galloped two miles after racing. That useful handkapper, Ama's Prince, was supposed to act as pacemaker, but hight Nurse men took over

Wetherby programme



2.45 MICKLETHWAITE HÜRDLE (Handicap : £935 : 3m) 9-4 Midao, 3-1 Sun Lion, 13-2 Royal Buntress, 8-1 Carnival Dey, 10-1 Relictime, Miss Outle, 12-1 Sifestone, 16-1 Roman Tiffin, 20-1 others.

3.15 SICKLINGHALL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £747: 2m)

3.45 THORNER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £944: 3m 100yd) Ben More, F. Dever, 9-11-7 J. Gloves Carrent Gold (C.D.), G. Richards, 6-16-13 D. Goulding Stay-Bell, Mrs S. Chesnore, 8-10-10 R. Barry Satanic Hymn, G. Fairbairn, 8-10-6 M. Dickinson Fly Sys, W. A. Staphenson, 10-10-5 M. Dickinson Fly Sys, W. A. Staphenson, 10-10-5 M. Dickinson Fly Sys, W. A. Staphenson, 10-10-5 M. Start Brasides, N. Crump, 7-10-1 D. Alkins Spariet, W. Clay, 9-10-0 M. Barnes Welton Las, T. Barnes, 7-20-0 M. Barnes M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Santhing, M. Gold, 7-26 Sep. Bell S. J. Welton Las, T. Santhing, M. Gold, M. S. J. Barnes, T. 20-0 M. Barnes, M. Gold, M. G. M. 20-0 M. Barnes, M. Gold, M. G. M. 20-0 M. Barnes, M. Barnes, M. Barnes, M. G. M. 20-0 M. Barnes, 17 310460 western Las, 3. Barnes, 1-1200 11-4 Current Gold, 7-2 Stay-Bell, 5-1 Fby Bye, 6-1 Ben Mare, 18-2 Wester Lad, 10-1 Saisnic Hymn, 18-1 Branions, 14-1 Spariot.

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Wetherby selections By Our Racing Staff

1.45 FLYING HUGUE is specially recommended. 2.15 Prize Crew. 2.45 Midao. 3.15 Going My Way. 3.45 Current Gold. 4.15 Igloo Fire. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.45 Paper Rich. 2.45 Miss Quilp. 4.15 David Tudor.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Tenella. 2.30 Admiral Blonde. 3.0 Parkhouse. 3.30 Tiepolino. 4.0
Denys Adventure. 4.30 Hot Hand. Dusky May, 2505.40. TREBLE: Bar-gillean, French Hollow and Town Snip, E42.96.

Table tennis

Kenya first African team to Dewsbury are boycott Birmingham event

Nairobi, March 1.—Kenya said today that they would not compete in the world table tennis championships in Britain later, this month because New Zealand players are scheduled to take part. Isaac Lugouzo, chairman of the Kenyan National Sports Council, was commenting on yesterday's call by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) ministerial council meeting in Lome for a boycom of all sports events involving countries who maintained sports links with South Africa.

The boycott had previously been restricted to competitions in which

"We can sacrifice the presence of New Zealand for the sake of the Commonwealth Games' sur-vival. Rather than have the many African countries staying away from the Games because of one country, organizers of the Games should lock it out. Apartheld is the evil we are combating. New Zealand doesn't want to assist us

Mr Lugonzo accused New Zealand's Prime Minister, Robert Muldoon, of going back on his word on the question of sports ties with South Africa. Reuter.

Rugby League

drawn against holders

Dewsbury, a second division side who have knocked out two side who have knocked out two first division sides to reach the third round of the Rugby League Cop, now face their toughest test yet. In the third round draw, made in Leeds on Monday night, they were paired at home with the holders, St Helens, who will need all their experience if they are not to go the way of Oldham and Walcefield Trinity.

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Wakeriesd Tribity.
Widnes, seeking to reach Wembley for the third successive season, are at home to Bradford Northern but Leeds will not relish earlier in the season. The layourites, Castleford, can expect to
make further progress after being
drawn at home to Hull Kingston
Rovers. The ties are to be played
on the weekend of March 12.
The RBC's decision to televise
the match between Castleford and
Hull on Grandstand on March 12. lce skating



fring Rodning and her husband may be approaching the end of their reign

Hint of fallibility could mean end of era for Zaitsev couple

Tokyo, March 1 There was a feeling abroad here tonight that we may be nearing the end of a distinguished skating me end of a misinguished skaling era. Irina Rodina has taken an important step towards witning her minth world championship in the company of her husband, Alexandr Zaltsev, but there was a hint of fallibility in their performance in the above noveraming that he

of fallibility in their performance in the short programme that be tokened an approaching end of their reign.

This, coupled with a brillian display by the second Russian pair, Irina Vorobieva and Alexandr Vlasov, meant that the champions suffered the indignity of not being placed first by a majority of five of the nine judges and thus being submitted to a tie-break, so to speak.

placed the nine judges and thus being submitted to a tie-break, so to speak.

This was resolved by a reference to the number of second places or better. Here the Zeitseys came off best, but there is precious little in it. It may smack of lesemajesty for them to be beaten tomorrow night, but it could happen if Miss Vorobieva and her partner can rise to the occasion. They may be haunted though, in that they came apart at every seam on the same occasion at Heisinkd during the European championships a month ago.

The guilty partner this time was Zaitsey, who has emerged from the shadow of his wife to be the dominant member of the team. He completely lost his timing on one occasion and for a moment or two they were two separate individuels rather than a uniform whole. That apart, they did not put a foot wrong, with two particularly outstanding double toe loops and jump camel spins.

Miss Vorobleva and Vinsow achieved their best marks yet in competition, a solid array of 5.7s and 5.8s, and though no one judge placed them in front of their semior compatriots it was a mark of their attainment that five judges scored them equal. To the untritored eye theirs was a fault-less display, but their genial trainer, with the hint of battle in her eyes, declared there were a few rough little edges that she could hone down to an even

offered at 33—1 for the National after winning at Warwick last November and became favourite after a superb victory in the Baydock Park National Trial last month. The record price for a National Acceptance 2000 cuited by the supers and the supers are a supers are a supers and the supers are a supers and the supers are a supers and the supers are a supers are a supers and the supers are a supers are a supers and the supers are a supers are a supers are a supers and the supers are a supers and the supers are a supers are a supers are a supers are a supers and the supers are a supers a supers a supers are a supers are a supers are a supers are a supers a s given for Princess Camilla in 1974.
Rag Trede, last year's winder ferched 18,000 guiness when sold at the Doncaster Sales in March 1975. Squash rackets ¥ 8

Andy Pandy was sent to Rimell, the reigning champion trainer, with the prime objective of win-ning the National, But the Kinnersning the National. But the Kinneraley trainer was mystified yesterday
about news of the sale. "I have
no knowledge of any intended
sale," he said.
A reported £20,000 offer for
another Rimell-trained National
rusner, Brown Admiral, was
turned down by Henry Zeisel, the
owner. Mr Zeisel, a London club
owner, revealed that the offer
came from a bloodsnock agency on
behalf of an American.

Owner says

favourite is

Andy Pandy, the Grand National favourite, is for sale. The eight-year-old is owned by Mrs Nora Mulligan, whose husband Sean, said yesterday morning at The

Mulligan, whose husband Sean, said yesterday morning "The horse is for sale at the right price." The right price for a chance of Aintree glory on April 2 is thought to be about £30,000. "I have had two or three interested parties but they have not offered me enough," Mr Mulligan said. Andy Pandy, quoted at 12—1 for the Aintree race, will be sold with the proviso that he stays in training with Fred Rimell, who holds the record of four victories in the great steeplechase. Andy Pandy won six races in Ireland for Paddy Mullins and joined RimeH after finishing second in the Galway Flate. He was offered at 33—1 for the National after usinning at Warwick last

National

for sale

Two to go before cancellation

record equaled

Warwick became the 109th
weather casualty yesterday, the
meeting there being called off
after an inspection at 9.45. There was heavy rain from an early hour. Racing at Lingfield Park noday hinges on an inspection at 7.15. More rain could jeopardize 7.13. More vain count peoparaise
the two-day meeting. A course
spokesman said yesterday afternoon: "We could have raced today, and in the absence of any
more rain racing will take place
tomorrow."

There are no problems concerning today's fixture at Wetherby, where the going is "heavy".

Further heavy rain could threaten tomorrow's programme at Ludlow. The clerk of the course, John Moon, said: "There has been heavy rain, but no inspection is ed unless conditions worsen The total of programmes lost this season is two fewer than the record in the 1962-63 season.

St Torbay and Decent Fellow are 4-1 joint favourites with Mecca for Saturday's £7,000 Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park for which theer are 23 four-day acceptors. Mecca's other prices are: 9-2 Rath-courath, 9-1 Cabroly, 10-1 Chartered Course, 12-1 jalali, 14-1 Monte Ceco, Supreme Vista, 16-1 Gambling Prince, 20-1 others.

greater pitch of excellence. Both she and her charges are popular members of the skating frateruity and they will have many well wishers tomorrow night.

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The American champions, Tal Babilonia and Randolph Gardner, made their expected dent on the Russian domination—the Soviet Union won all three medals in Helsinki—but not as convincingly as might have been hoped by those who would like the sport to assume a more cosmopolitan appearance. In particular, their camel spins were wildly out of tune and the range of marks, from 5.4 to 5.7, were not what they might have expected. They were enough, however, to put

tune and the range of marks, from 5.4 to 5.7, were not what they might have expected. They were enough, however, to put them in third place, ahead of the third Russian pair, Sorgel Shakhrai and his doil-like partner, Merina Cherkasova.

Anett Põizsch, the favourite for the women's solo tide, won the first round of the competition, the compulsory figures, not, however, as commandingly as she might have hoped. She leads Dagmar Luzz from the other side of the German wall, by only two place marks (17.5 to 19.5) and less than a half a mark (45.56 to 45.08). After the first two figures the East German had forged shead, but she made a mess of the loops and dropped back alarmingly. She remains favourite for the pide, but she has too little in hand to stand proof against the sort of punishment that the short programme tomorrow can inflict.

Unexpectedly, therefore, this event, too, is more open than we might have first thought. The American champion, Linda Fradanne, like Miss Pötzscch, only 16, came back strongly on the third figure and, given her gift for free skating, she, perhaps more than any other, may have the best chance of unseating Miss Pötzsch.

Miss Fradanne, a gentle, unassuming Californian with pacific blue eyes, stands fourth at the moment, but, such is the anomalous system of placings in skating, that this betrays that she has scored more points than Susanna Friano (Italy), who lies third (44.444 to 43.88, and suffered substantially fewer place marks (28.5 to 36.5). These are, of

course, only intermediate posi-tions, and when all comes out in the wash Miss Fratianne may be seen to have quite an advantage. The hugely promising 14-year-old Swiss, Dedise Bielimann, the darling of New Printing House Square as well as old Swiss Cot-tagers, is in twelfth place, three positions higher than her trainer, Otto Hügin, had demanded at this stage. It may be recalled that sue postious ingler than her trailer, otto Hügin, had demanded at this stage. It may be recalled that she was fifteenth in the European compulsory figures in Helsinki and soared to sixth place overall after a dazzling display in the short programme and the free.

By comparison the 14-year-old Russian prodigy, Riena Vodore-zova, has suffered a setback. She was six places higher than Miss Biellmann in Helsinki: here she is a place behind. An even sadder case is the British champion, Karena Richardson. After the second figure she was lust of the 21 competitors. An improved set of loops raised her to nineteenth, but this is desperately disappointing after the promise she was fourteenth last year, which, given five withdrawais from the scene slace then, was equivalent to tenth place. then, was equivalent to tenth place now. Time, I fear, has passed her by. Her legs today, she said, wero "wobbly", but for no apparent

any great encouragement to the tracing of compulsory figures. New tracings show up well enough, better indeed than on white ice, but the resurfacing machine is unable to remove marks made previously and this is a source of confusion. It is, of course, the same for everyone, but until Test matches are played on Clapham Common or the British Open golf championship in Epping Forest. I shall remain unconvinced that these are the best conditions to produce a worthy champion of the world. any great encouragement to the

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Jonah Barrington and Tommy Steele (right) making the draw for the Wembley

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who yielded to the pressures can-not be blamed, any more than those who did not. The Pakistan affair will doubt-

By Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent The British open squash rackets the Brinsh open squase rackets the Pakistan array will countries at Wembley from official boycott is resented by March 25 to April 4, is likely to be almost a blank page in the flustrious bistory of the Pakistani they supported Karachi events game. Six of their leading players from which South Africans were have not entered because their barred. The extension of such government urged them to avoid the possibility of competing with has been described as "a discontinual characteristic of the proscipling with has been described as "a discontinual characteristic of the proscipling with has been described as "a discontinual characteristic of the proscipling with has been described as "a discontinual characteristic of the proscipling with has been described as "a discontinual". government argen mem to avoid the possibility of competing with South Africans. Of the four Pakistani-born players in the draw, two have seeded opponents in the first round and another, Amanullah, does not compete often enough or effectively enough a suggest that he will make much often enough or effectively enough to suggest that he will make much of an impact. Sharif (Hashim's their present attitude, their domey soon), the North American open champion aight times in time years, is the only Pakistani-born seed, and his brief excursion into the "soft hall" game does not the "soft hall" game does not the "soft hall" game does not the "soft hall "game does not the game of the pakistani-born players in the draw, Sharif plays Wright the "soft hall" game does not the game of the pakistani-born players in the draw, Sharif plays Wright the "soft hall" game does not the game of the pakistani-born players in the draw, Sharif plays Wright the "soft hall" game does not the game of the pakistani-born players in the game of the game of the pakistani-born players in the game of the game of the pakistani-born players in the game of the game of the pakistani-born players in the game of the g

the "soft ball" game does not inspire much confidence.

The distinguished absences are Mohibullah, Zaman, Alauddin, Jahan, Torsam and Yasin. They deserve sympathy. The prestige that accrues from a good perform-ance at Wembley (which provides a parallel of sorts with the Wimbledon tennis championships) can be worth far more than the im-mediate rewards. But the Pakis-tants have been subjected to pressures unfamiliar to the sportsmen of most Western societies. Those

discrimination to overseas events has been described as "a disappointing breach of trust." It is realized that the men controlling Pakistani squash are in no position to dery government policy. But there is a strong possibility that as long as Pakistan maintain their present attitude, their domestic events will be snubbed by several leading players from other nations.

Barrington, Muneer meets Nan-carrow, and Amanullah has been drawn against Kirton. The most controversial feature of the draw is the seeding of three amateurs:

Brownlee, Leslie and Lilley. This
had to be largely a subjective
judgment by the tournament committee because the scarcity of open
competition has forced the profartionals to comprise their fessionals to organize their own events and the ensuing segrega-tion prevents more than a modest accumulation of collateral form.

the British game that the nation's leading professional and amateur players, Barrington and Leslie, have never even met socially. The corresponding Egyptians, Safwat (seeded second), their leading professional and Carrol August stationary of the second of the second s fessional, and Gamal Awad, their best amateur have been drawn to-gether in one of many attractive first-round matches.

The seedings suggest that the Last 16 will line up as follows:
Hunt (1) v Patterson (16), Shawcross (8) v Brownlee (9), Earrington (4) v Kaoud (13), Watson (5)
v Easter (12), Leslie (11) v Hiscoe
(6), Sharif (14) v Nancaprop (3) (6), Sharif (14) v Nancarrow (3), Asran (10) v Aziz (7) and Lilley (15) v Safwat (2).

The first prize will be £1.800 and the total prize money £11,500. The semi-final round of the corresponding women's championship, to be played at Wembley this even-Angela Smith and Susan Cogswell. against Barbara Wall and Heather McKay respectively. Should every-thing go wrong for Britain, the championship would have its first all-professional and third consecutive all-Australian final: a final. moreover, that could not happen in Australia itself, where professionals are barred from the national championship. How on earth can an essentially simple game become so complicated?

For the record

Lennis SAN FRANCISCO: Virginia Sines women's fournament: First round: K. Reid (Australia: beat T. tolladay. 7-5. 2-6. 6-2; K. Shaw heat J. Authony, 4-5. 6-1. 6-1; S. Walsh heat P. Teoguardea, 7-6. 6-1; K. May beat M. Louie, 6-2, 2-6. 6-1; V. Ruide (Romania) beat B. Cuyere (SA: 6-5, 6-5; V. Vermaek (SA: 6-5, 6-5; V. Vermaek (SA: 6-6, 6-5; V. Vermaek (SA: 6-6, 6-6, 6-5; V. Vermaek (SA: 6-6, 6-6, 6-6; M. Jansowse (Yngoslivia) beat L. Mottrum (GB), 7-6, 6-5; A.

Cricket

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New Zealand were taking part. "We were waiting for such a decision". Mr Lugonzo said. "Our table tennis team is not going to the world table tennis championships in Britain because

by severing sports contacts with South Africa."

"Now I would like to appea to the organizers of the Common-wealth Games (in Edmonton, Canada, next year) to do every-thing possible to stage the Games, less New Zealand", Mr Lugouzo

having to return to Workington, where they lost in the League earlier in the season. The favour-

I'm proud of being a cock-eyed optimist

Robert Morley, the actor, contributes this week's guest column

There is always wrath to come. Some

There is always wrath to come. Some parents, all schoolmasters, most economists, judges and even Bernard Levin himself agree about that.

"Morley", they tell me, "you are not going to get away with it". "What will happen?—" I ask these sober earnest citizens, these wise men of the law, these shrill soothsayers of the media. But it is no good asking them what they are afraid of. I am the one who is meant to be frightened. They line themselves up with the avengers.

Once, years ago, I attended a convention of British Israelites who believed passionately that Armageddon was if anything overdue. Everyone seemed

tion of British Israelites who believed passionately that Armagedon was if anything overdue. Everyone seemed very happy. God was on his way to smite the heathen; he had already left heaven and was due to arrive in the Middle East within days if not hours. The glee with which the congregation listened to what would happen when the Red Sea drowned the Arabs was total. There was not a single reference to the Dorchester.

"Could it be that was when the rot started?" Another phrase reiterated by the bully boys since I got my first wigging. The other evening across the roulette table stood an elderly Malayan plastering the table with insouciance and £100 chips. He seemed to get through a good many, as men are wont to do when they cover the board. Suddenly he slid to the floor and lay on his back unconscious. There is not a great deal of room to stretch out and die in that particular club, but they found a doctor and the Malayan's beautiful wife and his two sons knelt consoling at his head. It was then that I noticed that the old man had wet himself. Death came later in the ambulance and by then play had restarted, but I too, had cashed in my chips that evening.

"What a terrible way to go". I

"What a terrible way to go", I thought, "lying on the floor of a casine, interrupting the game and causing embarrassment".

embarrassment."
Yet when I die I do not think I want to die in bed or in the arms of a doctor or a priest or even my own family, I think I, too, would like to go just as he did, alive until the last possible moment and never even knowing that he had wet himself. So, too, with the wrath to come. I do not want to be told; I refuse to listen. I have on occa-

conths ago, and has succeeded beyond

expectations. Outraged subordinates who said that male recruits would

never be emotionally able to take orders

example, the colonel said, when a man sees a girl dismantle and reassemble an

automatic weapon in seconds, he has

Coporal Amit —, a petite dancer who interrupted her career with the

Sat Dor bailet company for two years' compulsory military service, said: "When I complete a two-mile run at

the head of my platoon, no one drops out. If I do it, how can they fail?"

The girls, a year or so out of secondary school, all had previous experience as drill instructors in a women's training base, and responded to the

challenge when there was a call for They told me they assumed it was unpleasant for men to take orders from

them. Sergeant Dorit —, daughter of a municipal official in Beershebs, said: "None of the men said anything and one was insubordinate, but I imagine i sey're embarrassed to tell their friends

Sergeant Mire —, of Kibbutz Ashdot Yaakov, added: "I take that into account, and I try my best to explain and teach rather than to order."

The male recruits, apart from a few ultra-religious men, said they rather liked the innovation. The base comman-

der said that when he planned to transfer one of the girls, he received a petition signed by her entire platoon asking that she should remain.

An immigrant from America, who ser-

t home that their platoon com

that much more drive to match it.

sions asked for whom the belt tolled and found out it was not for me.

All this may seem irresponsible selfishness. Like Noah, perhaps I should be out in the garden building the ark or digging the well, contacting my relatives and the conservationists. But I am not. The theatre teaches best that you have had troubles before and get over them and that you will have troubles again and when they arrive you will be able to cope.

I loathe the jeremiahs who never retract when their predictions come unstuck. Have we heard one word of apology from Mr Heath for all the gloom and despondency he flung around four years ago? When in 10 years we are still nor at war with Russia, will Mrs Thatcher admit she was wrong? Not bloody likely. Suppose we are at war or just back from war, or fighting for oil in the North Sea: it would not alter the fact that last year was the best summer in living memory. But what about the drought, they ask? Mr Peart himself went and dug up a carror and seemed surprised it was not larger. It just was not a good year for carrots. This year perhaps they will have a smash hit again; meanwhile farmers will be charging more for selling less. It never seemed to occur to Mr Peart that perhaps we might try getting water out of the sea as well. If there is one thing the artist learns, it is not to listen when the children start to fret and whimper and complain they are tired and have to sit down and beg to go back along the road we have brought them. For once in a while they put their sticky little hands in ours and hear the birds and smell the flowers and look up at the mountain which one of us guessed was there all the time.

When strangers come up to me and thank me for the laughs and tell me

the time.

When strangers come up to me and thank me for the laughs and tell me they can do with a laugh these days, I smile gratefully and never tell them that is what they have been saying to me every year since 1935. When I finally keel over the green baize and they think it is a gag, one of them is sure to say: "My God we needed cheering up right now." I would not hear him, but I will be happy. . I hope.

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Le repertoire de la cuisine, referred to in last Wednesday's column by Clement Freud, was in fact written by L. Sauluier, and not A. Escoffier, to whom the book was merely dedicated. Escoffier's major book was A Guide to



Photograph: Warren Harrison

Why Israeli soldiers are following the petticoat line

ved with the United States forces in Vietnam, said: "They're knowledge-sble. They're mestered their stuff and they have our respect." But a full-bearded recruit who is a ritual animal slaughterer in civikan life said it was against his religious principles to obey a female's orders. "The Bible says men should rule women", he said.

The latter's plannon commander. Ser-Comely girls are drilling male recruits an Israeli training camp. They wake the men in the mornings, teach them to shoot, and switch off the barrack ights at night. They do everything male crill instructors do, except sentry duty. The base commander, Colonel Doy (censorship permiss only first names), told me the experiment started six

The latter's platoon commander, Sergeant Irith—permits the religious soldiers to march five yards behind the rest of the platoon—three abreast like otners, but not body responding to the female chant "left...right...left..."

commander said the experiment was inspired by a manpower shortage. Military headquarters had rejected his application for additional male instructors, so a brigadier sug-gested taking instructors from the women's training base. Women are not used in combat by the Issael Defence Forces, and their weapons training is confined to Czech rifles and Uzi submachineguns. The volunteers selected for the male base had to master additional weapons including M 16 and FN

The first girls brought over were assigned only to courses in first aid,

anti-chemical warfare and wespon instruction. But when the young women heard male instructors grumble that meant their own turns to get up at 4.30 am for reveille were more frequent, they offered to take part in all training functions.

Colonel Dov, a burly paratrooper, said the feminine touch fits into his scheme of things. "I'm not one of those who believes to build a soldier you must first break him", he said. He hoped to promote girls to company

Moshe Brilliant



Avoid examining the doctor

Professionals rend to distrust anvone else claiming specialist knowledge so few doctors are comfortable with expert patients—those individuals with a chronic disease whose experience has taught them a great deal about its practical management. Medical Encounters (Croom Helm, 57.95) is a collection of the experiences among sociologists of contacts with doctors and hospitals, and it shows how easily antagonism and resentment can

easily antagonism and resemment can arise when the patient rejects the traditional unquestioning, accepting role that seems expected of him.

Take the case of one academic sociologist with psoriasis, at unpredictable complaint that at one time might make the whole skin inflamed, red and scaling, but a month later can fade away virtually to nothing. Moving around the country from school to university, and on to a series of teaching appointments, he saw a bewildering succession of GPs and hospital specialists and tried most of the conventional drugs and ointments. He learnt which treatments suited him and which did not, and how to spot the first which did not, and how to spot the first signs of a flare-up. Yet when his rravels forced him to find another doctor, he almost always had to start again from the beginning, as if his disease had just been diagnosed. Only

too often a new specialist dermatologist seemed determined to ignore any past experience, insisting on taking autocratic control of the illness rather than accepting his patient's knowledge of his own reactions and so planning treatment as a cooperative venture.

The sociologist patients also found The sociologist patients also found hospitals rigid and frustrating in their insistence on patients conforming to

routines designed, apparently, for the convenience of the medical staff. Early convenience of the medical start. Early on it became clear to them that the good patient was silent, rarely got out of bed until promoted to the role of ward helper, and made no attempt to acquire any medical competence or vocabulary. A recurrent theme of complaint was the majestic indifference of the consultant and his entourage sweep. the consultant and his entourage sweep

the consultant and his entourage sweeping around the ward with no interest in answering patients' questions.

How much truth is there in these charges of medical arrogance and insensitivity? Do doctors prefer their patients either stupid or silent? Part of the trouble is that the system is too rigid and too reticent. More could oe done, for instance, with leaflets and interviews to explain to patients why they need to come into hospiral a day or two ahead of a planned operation (if, indeed, they need to—in many cases the preliminary tests and examinations could be done on an outpatient basis), what the surgeon will do, what the ward routine will be, and what the ward routine will be, and likely outcome of their con-

alescence. But if doctors do seem reluctant to talk to their parients, the explanation may often be a question of timing as much as indifference. The "big chief's ward round" may consist of half a dozen doctors and nurses seeing as many

as 40 patients: in most there is no medical problem—the diagnosis is clear, the treatment decided; it is the three or four causing anxiety who need their combined attention. Tedious as the system may be for patients, its pro-ductivity is high—the average length of hospital stay has dropped dramatic-ally in recent years.

There is no excuse for a patient being denied a full discussion with one of the medical staff, but it is more likely to be the houseman late at night than the consultant—unless he is one of the exceptional minority who return after the formal ward round to visit each Furthermore, while even a minor ill-

Furthermore, while even a minor illness is a unique experience for the
individual, for the doctor it is simply
one incident in a working day in which
he may need to see 50 or even 100
patients: naturally enough hospital staff
devise strategies to keep these contacts
professional and impersonal in order to cope with the daily flow. In conse-quence, their reactions to detailed questioning depend very much on its content. Any reasonable doctor will explain what is wrong in non-technical terms and what his treatment is meant to achieve; but he is likely to bristle if his patient arrives with a preconceived view of the illness that may reject "synthetic drugs" or insists on a psychogenic explanation for asthma.

There is a very real difference be-tween the patient whose 10 years' experience of her own migraine has given her genuine expertise in its management and the young woman who wants to tell her gynaecologist which IUD to use on the basis of articles she has read and conversation with friends.

At its simplest a doctor's advice on, say the advisability of removal of a child's tonsils is a professional opinion which a parent may reasonably expect him to explain; but if the parent disagrees the solution should be to find another doctor rather than attempting to argue the merits of the decision.

In fashionable jargon, the problem essentially a failure in communi cation;" but solving it may not always be easy. In the Commons debate lass week on the merits of whooping cough vaccine, one MP asked for the risks and advantages to be explained in such a way that they were "simple for parents to understand". There is no simple explanation of some complex issues, and with many difficult medical decisions—treatment for breast cancer, induction of labour, whether to operate for deafness, when to admit patients with coronary thrombosis to hospital—any simple analogy would be misleading

In such circumstances a blank state ment of opinion may seem arrogant but there are limits to the amount of information that can be compressed into a 10-minute conversation without into a 10-minute conversation without background knowledge. One of the sociologists talked of "testing medical competence", and sometimes it does seem to doctors that what the patient is questioning is his ability and the likelihood that he has got the diagnosis right. If a patient has lost confidence in his or her doctor, again the solution is to find another, rather than embarking on an acrimonious interrogation.

> Dr Tony Smith Medical Correspondent

Campaign freed 500 from mental wards

By Pat Healy

Social Services Correspondent At least 500 former psychiatric patients are living in the community instead of in long-stay hospital wards as a result of the home-from-hospital campaign organized by Mind, the mental health organization. But many more places in community hostels, housing associations and private homes are needed before the 20,000 patients who are no longer ill can be discharged.

The home-from-hospital campaign was launched last April with a £20,000 grant from the Department of Health and Social Security. Local associations for mental health have opened 70 homes and hostels, housing at least 300 people, since the start of the campaign. Two television programmes

Two television programmes aimed at recruiting foster homes for former patients have pro-duced another 200 places duced another 200 places. Eight more projects, organized jointly by Mind and local housing associations with finance from the Housing Corporation, are planned. Hospitals that were without advanced schemes for resettling patients before the campaign began are increasingly discharging patients into sheltered accommodation.

More accommodation could have been provided if the cam-paign had ignored the need for

inferior even to that in a long-stay ward of a mental institu-tion", the report says. "En-suring that the quality of life outside hospital is an improve-ment has been our main priority; sometimes this has caused delays and disappoint-ments, but it would have been irresponsible to think only in terms of high numbers of dis-charged patients, ignoring the attendant risks of relapse and readmission."

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Local authorities were making widely varying provision of residential places for discharged patients. Herifordshire, with a population of 940,630, had 91 places; Devon, with a population of 920,550, had only 10.

The Department of Health said vesterday that it was pleased with the results of the campaign so far. As well as showing that more accommodation could be provided in the community at low cost, the campaign had helped to link the needs of former patients for help in making friends, adapting to a social life and finding jobs in open or sheltered employment.

employment.
The department will not be making a renewed special grant for the campaign, but it is likely to increase the annual grant to Mind. Last year, Mind received a grant of £110,000 from the decouragest.

have been provided if the campaign had ignored the need for after-care, as its report to the Department of Health and Social Security, published today makes clear.

"Discharging patients without thorough continuing support can offer a way of life."

"Barnt of £110,000 from the department.

Mr Tony Smythe, director of Mind, said yesterday that the logical development of the campaign would be to concentrate on training, rehabilitation and job-finding for patients once they returned to the company of the campaign would be to concentrate on training, rehabilitation and job-finding for patients once they returned to the company of the campaign would be to concentrate on training, rehabilitation and job-finding for patients once they returned to the company of the campaign would be to concentrate on training, rehabilitation and job-finding for patients once they returned to the campaign would be to concentrate on training.

ellow for two years of con-sideration and enactment of any necessary legislation. The BBC's charter and the Independent Broadcasting Act. 1973, were both extended from 1976 to

1979 to allow for that. The committee's terms

Main views unanimous on broadcasting report

The Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, under Lord Annan, has completed its report which is in the hands of the Home Secretary. It will be published as soon as possible, when full consultations with interested bodies will be

The news that the committee has completed its task, which took more than two years, was given in a parliamentary written reply by Mr Rees, who received the report on Monday. It is understood that the committee's conclusions were unanimous, but members who dissented on various points will be expressing their views.

The committees terms of reference were:
To consider the future of the broadcasting services in the United Kingdom, including the dissemination by wire of broadcast and other programmes and of television for public showing, to consider the implications of new techniques for present or any recommended additional services; and my propose what constituarrangements and what conditions should apply to the conduct of Nearly 3cwt of

cannabis found in ship

Senior customs investigators went from London to Buil yes-terday after almost three cwt of cannabis, with a street value of £250,000, had been found in a Nigerian ship. Two members of the crew are being held for questioning.

It is thought that the haul is another link with an interna-tional smuggling gang which is shipping large quantities of drugs to Europe and using British ports as a posting stage.
The freighter, the Ahmadu
Tijani, from Lagos, was
searched by customs officers A small quantity of cannable was found but the rummagers were not satisfied, kept watch and boarded the ship again early yesterday. The result was the baul of nearly three cwt.

Prentice backers' ban on meeting renewed by court

The High Court injunction granted last wash to supporters of Mr Prentice, MP for New-ham, North-sast, to stop the constituency Labour Party's annual meeting was continued

The temporary ban, granted to a group of moderates lad by Mr Julian Lewis, put a stop to last Wednesday evening's meeting before it could begin.

After a transport ing yesterday Mr justice Karr continued the injunction to enable both sides to file further evidence. The case is expected to return to court within ten

days.

Mr Prentice, former Minister for Overseas Development, has been discarded by his constituency Labour Party as its candidate in future elections.

Publishers challenge court ruling on songs

By a Staff Reporter

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A High Court judgment in he series of test cases affectialle the ownership of more that 40,000 popular songs is to ask the music publishers involver.

The reserved judgment, journe of the most complicate has cases of its kind, was given in the Queen's Bench Division laked week by Mr Justice Robert Govern after hearings covering 20 days last November and December of the Carlin grow be was suing and being sued that such leading publishers the was suing and being sued the Francis Day and Hunter Lt. Chappells, Leo Feist Injustice Rodwood Music Ltd, 288 member of the Carlin grow be was suing and being sued that such leading publishers the Francis Day and Hunter Lt. Chappells, Leo Feist Injustice Warner Brothers Inc, B. Felers man and Co Ltd, and Booseld and Co Ltd. Only 27 songs we had dealt with specifically.

Redwood had taken assige a ment of the reversionary cop; rights from nearly a hundrely estates which in many case it include songs now being published by the other parties the actions.

The background to the action lelies in little-known legislations.

The background to the actioned lies in little-known legislatioed contained in the Copyright Acigs 1911. That contains a provisio is whereby rights assigned to pulpe lishers by authors or composed in musical or literary work

in musical or literary works revert to estates of the author or composers 25 years after their death, so the estate enjoine the benefit of the last 25 years of copyright.

But there is one exceptioles One of the main points beforth the court was whether a solad is a collective work; the deal nition in the 1911 Act is the clear. The judge said if where the words and mulen were written jointly a sone with not a collective work and literights therefore reverted to prospect the sestate.

estate.
Where the words were writ Where the words were writtly by one person and the ment by mother, it was a collect I work, and the rights did our revert to the estate.

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A group of parants and o'boys of the William Els School, Highgats, London, a seeking a High Court injurtion to stop the governors alteing its grammar-school start cedure are opposed by it school's Parents-Old Bo Joint Committee, led by M Dudley Stanley Fox, its chair man, and Mr Nicholas Wood Mrs Jessie Gibber and M Derek Henry Clark, Mr Justic Brightman adjourned the appli-cation for 10 days to snable both sides to complete their evidence.

Chancery Division

No stamp duty relief on amalgamation

Law Report March 1 1977

An increase of share capital and transfer of shares by the taxpayer transfer of shares by the taxpayer, company so as to purchase the share capital of an unlimited liability company did not come within the provisions of section 55 of the Finance Act, 1927, with the result that relief from capital and transfer stamp duty was not available on the transactions. The words "particular existing company" in sub-section (1)(b) refers only to companies that were amenable to sections 112 and 113 of the Stamp Act, 1891, and does not include companies with unlimited liability.

His Lordship so held in dismissing an appeal by the Chelsea Land & Investment Co Ltd from an adjudication of the Inland Revenue Commissioners that advalored duty of £33,815 was payable on a statement of increase of capital and three instruments of transfer of shares.

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The tarpayer company was incorporated as an unlimited liability company in 1961 and reregistered in 1970 as a limited liability company. In 1973, pursuant to a deed of agreement, in authorized capital was increased from £1,200,000 divided into £1 shares to £2,609,000 with a view to acquiring the share capital of an unlimited company, Cadogan Holdings. It paid ad valorem stamp duty of £7,045 on the increase. Consequent on the agreement, the tarpayer company acquired Cadogan Holdings by means of three instruments of transfer; thereby Cadogan Holdings shares were transferred to the taxpayer company in consideration of the allotment of 1,409,000 shares in the taxpayer company. The Inland Revenue Commissioners refused a claim for relief by the taxpayer company under section 55 of the Finance Act, 1927, from (1) capital duty paid on the increase of capital under section 112 of the Stamp Act and (2) transfer on sale duty payable on the share transfer. The taxpayer company appealed.

To quality for relief from capital and transfer stamp duty on reconstruction or amalgamation of companies under section 55(1), amended partly by section 15(1), amended 15(1), amended 15(1), amended 15(1), am

Chelsea Land & Investment CoLtd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Fox

An increase of share capital and
transfer of shares by the taxpayer.

company; Mr Pater Gibson for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE FOX, in a reserved judgment, said that the issue turned on the effect of section 55, as amended. The taxpayer company's claim for relief was based on five points. (1) The provisions of sub-section (1)(a) were satisfied because me nonunal share capital of the taxpayer company had been increased, which was not disputed.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1)(b) were satisfied because increased, which was not disputed.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1)(b) were satisfied because increased with a view to the acquisition of Cadogan Holdings, which was a particular existing company; it was on flose words that the dispute turned. The Crown disagreed that a "particular existing company was any company incorporated in the United Kingdom; it contended that it was restricted to limited Hability companies.

(3) If the taxpayer company's

restricted to limited liability companies.

(3) If the taxpayer company's construction of "particular existing company" was correct then the requirements of sub-section (I)(c) were satisfied; that was not in dispute.

(4) The repeal of the words "inrespect of which stamp duly has been paid" by the Finance Act; 1930, removed any chatcale to the granting of relief under section 55(I)(A).

(5) Even under the section as originally drafted the taxpayer company was entified to relief under sub-section (I)(B). Both (4) and (5) were disputed by the Crown.

The meaning of the words "par-

the Crown.

The meaning of the words " particular enisting company" had been considered in Nestite Co. Ltd with the considered in Northern Ireland. The judgment had established the propositions that, in determining the meaning of section 15, it has permissible to look at the wording of the section prior to its mestiment in 1930; that the pre-missible to look at the wording of the section prior to its mestiment in 1930; that the pre-missible to look at the wording of the section prior to its mestiment in 1930; that the pre-missible to look at the section was only concerned with cases where the "particular existing company" was a company which came within the provisions of sections 112 and 113 of the Stamp Act, and that the provisions of section 41 of the Pinance Art. 1930, did not alter the acope of Insection 55 in the latter respect.

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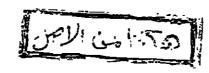
a company in respect of which capital duty would have been leviable under those zections. Thus the words could not apply to an unlimited company because sections 112 and 113 dealt with limited companies only.

That conclusion was supported by the wording of section 55(1)(a), where the word "company" was meet three times but only on the first occasion was there a reference to limited lisbility. Mr. Bearite, without conceding the point, had been minded to accept that "company" there meant a limited company. Indeed, that must be correct because what meant a limited company, inner, that must be correct because what, the section was doing was a reduce the capital duty payable by the transferee company and sud reduce the capital duty payable by
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was a limited company. It seemed
therefore that "company",
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out section 55(1)(a). If that was
correct why should not the word
bear the same meaning in sub
section (1)(b) in relation both at
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the transferve company and to the
"particular existing company"?
There was nothing inherently
milkely in this construction: The
section gave relief where there
was an amalgamation leaving the
combined undertaking in substantially the same hands. Assenting
that the "particular existing company" had already paid capital
duty under section 112 or 113, if
was reasonable that no further
duty should be levied on the amalgamation. Therefore the section
proceeded on the basis that the
"particular existing company"
lad paid capital duty and was
accordingly a limited company.

The result was that, so far as
capital duty was concerned, the
requirements of section 55(1)(b)
were not satisfied. There remained
the question of ad valorem "convevance or trastife on sale" day
dealt, with by section 55(1)(b).
The position was no different to
that in respect of capital duty;
neither the relies granted in paragraph (A) of herspraph (B) was
available unless the conditions
referred to at the beginning of
section 55(1), namely those—in
(a), (b) and (c) were satisfied.
The ampayer company was not
entitled to the relief it claimed
and the appeal was dismissed.

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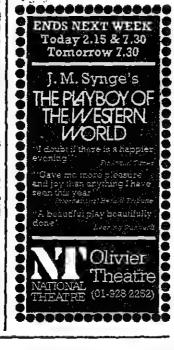
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nevertheless, that she is still
a woman of temperament, as
may be seen and heard in her

may be seen and heard in her attitude after Susanna emerges

from the cupboard, and in the recitative before "Dove sono",

also in her evident anxiety during the second act finale's serious games of interrogation.

Figaro and his bride are equally individual: Patricia Hayes's Susanna is cool, drab

in day-dress, nearly plain until you watch her alert, responsive face and realize the activity of

her peasant intellect. "Deh, vieni", exquisitely sung (with some graces, a feature of the

musical performance, but not a consistent one), is clearly an act not heartfelt. Gordon Sandison restores the idea of

Beaumarchais's self-possessed, quickwitted coxcomb Figaro, a schemer by nature who has yet

he had snipped out of a maga-

characters' conversational level

(" I like flowers, they're really attractive") from which it

seems that without sex they

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knock in the second piece, where fluent scatalogical

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The Marriage of Figaro MacRobert Arts Centre

William Mann

There are a hundred ways and more of staging Mozart's Le nome di Figaro, even il one nome di Figaro, even if one sticks loyally to what the composer and Da Ponte, his librettist, set down on paper. Scottish Opera used to have a decent production of it some years ago, but now it has been scrapped, perhaps through Anno Domini, and on Monday at Stirling University the company baptised a new production by Toby Robertson.

The MacRobert Arts Centre The MacRobert Arts Centre

theatre in Stirling University, a truly lovely campus built round a loch under the shadow of the Wallace Memorial, has a dry acoustic which encouraged the conductor, Roderick Brydon to set quite fast tempi for Figaro, good for the action, sometimes endangering ensemble on the first night, but ensemble on the tirst night, but not ignoring the marvellous detail of Mozart's score. An unattributed English transla-tion, creatively derived from existing ones, came over clearly, in set numbers up well as in sensibly paced recitatives; verbal enunciation was almost exemplary, audibly appreciated by the audience.

Mr Robertson, evidently versed in Beaumarchais as A Thought in

Irving Wardle

Three Parts

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BBC 1

Michael Church

It is, I suppose, dismally appro-

priate that the penal system

should be the murkiest area of

our social fabric: crime and

punishment must be the

murkiest area of everyone's

associated moral dilemmas

seem fundamentally intract-

punishment with rehabilitation. and which rights do you with-

draw from convicted criminals? Coinciding, as it did, with the launching of a radical cam-

paign against the "secretive, evasive negation of human

rights practised by the Home

Office" in prisons, Panorama's

special programme "The

Crisis Inside" was, in addi-

rion to being an absolutely

Cedar Walton Quartet

Jazz drumming today is not always concerned with the pre-

servation of a regular metre:

young percussionists have, in many cases, discovered how to

retain the essential spirit of the bear without actually stating it There is still plenty of mil-

age left in more traditional methods, however, and perhaps

the preeminent exponent of

what musicians called "time-playing" is Billy Higgins, a member of Cedar Walton's out-

standing American quartet. A

small, lithe man, Higgins is the

annithesis of the popular image:

he sits almost immobile, draw-

Ronnie Scott's

Richard Williams

So far the thought escapes me, but there is no missing the parts. Unveiled in standing, lying, and canine positions, orally fondled and activated by a vibrator, here are the most generous portions of erectile tissue yet slapped up on the London fringe stage. A National Theatre authority

on these matters has defended (or maybe attacked?) Wallace Shawn's plays as "not porno-graphic", and I heartily agree. This is definitely a show to con-firm any life-hater in his view of sex as a graceless and messy amusement, bringing out the worst in all concerned. Short of sending the actors shuffling blind off the stage with armloads of unplanned infants, I do not see what more the author could have done to gratify the defenders of our moral fibre. Mr Shawn is a New Yorker, Panorama

sloquence comes to the aid of a girl wishing to blacken her rival's name, but no matter how vigorously and repeatedly Mr Shawn's five fun-loving, youth-hostellers make the chaler ring with their shared climaxes, what shey like best is being tucked up in solitary masturbation. "Tired's not the word", the hitherto unflagging Dick sighs, eyeing his bed longingly. loagingly. That got a well earned astonishing piece of reporting,

triumphantly timely. Did brutalities go on in those "last disciplinary resorts", the prison segregation units? The governor of the maximum security prison at Long Lartin could not speak for other places, but in his the unit breathed more spartan rigour than sadism run riot. Were prison visitors, who often doubled as magistrates, an adequate defence against unfair treatment? One private consciousness. The was given the feeling that they were not. able: how do you reconcile

If occasionally simply provoking (Tom Mangold's reforming zeal twice threatened to get the better of his judgment), the film constantly provoked thought. The central defects in our penal system were illustrated with disturbing clarity: the squalor, the humiliation, the over-crowded cells, the overworked prison officers, the chal-lenge which "anarchists" and terrorists now presented to a shaky edifice. The pressure of local public opinion keeps hundreds of beds empty at Kirk-

ing intensity not from a physical assult on the drums (bis playing rarely rises above mezzo iorte) but from his peerless idioms, while the heroic basist follows, while the heroic basist follows. sense of swing.

He is, most notably, a master of the cymbals. Behind the soloists he unfolds an endless series of sprung rhythms with his right hand, discreetly in-spirational, concentrating wholly on the overall flow. Durwholy on the overall flow. Dur-ing a ballad, or a bass solo, he uses brushes on a closed high-bat with whispering delicacy, while his infrequent solos are (in contrast to the customary bombast) a refined tapestry of graceful rustlings and tappings.

His partners reap the benefit of this sublime self-effacement, and the whole group seems to float about two feet above the ground. Walton, a very civilized pianist, performs a thoughtful amalgam of scurrying singleSusanna's ploys. He is dry but incisive of voice, and arrives, by "Aprite un po" at a grievance greater than self-pity, almost tragic. Tragedy, indeed, is seldom far away in this comedy of manners: that is how Mozart composed it and how Beaumarchais conceived it, witness Figaro's "If I didn't laugh I would cry".

There are some mannerisms in Mr. Robertson's production, partly symbolic and not always helpful. One is a ubiquitous ladder which has to be climbed by somebody on whatever pretext, another a fixation for placing characters on a plinth or chair, even tramping in

or chair, even tramping in riding-boots on a bed's sheets (dirtying clean linen is doubt-less the implication, justified in part by the action).

part by the action).

The production's inventiveness is not spoilt by gimmicks. David Fieldsend's Don Cursio is exceptionally vivid (in the recognition sextet, for example), John Robertson's soft pedalled conspiratorial Basilio mysteriously so. Alan Barrett's settings of stern green marble, tooled leather, and wood, looked heavy and cluttered, a pretendous household in a mess. The beginning of the last act is played as if indoors. Beaumarchais's idea but on musical evidence not Mozart's; musical evidence not Mozari's; the scene is changed to the music of Marcellina's aria, though Claire. Livingstone, a lively frump with piercing eyes and a hat like bits of umbrella (thank you, D. H. Lawrence) is to work hard to keep up with .not allowed to sing it, alas.

laugh; but heaven knows whether the euthor put it there. At one moment his and the arresting idea occurs to me that perhaps he is dealing with the theme of Loneliness in the Big City; whence the opening spectacle of a husband fantasizing about his characters are full of shyness and subterfuge, at the next they demand what they want as ever, as the evening ends with the sight of the lonely Tony Rohr breakfasting elegantly in a silk dressing gown and enjoying a fantasy of being bound and violated, at least the theme holds out to the end. Philip Sayer achieves a nice

would be bereft of all means of communication. transformation from rabbity spouse into brural lover, with corresponding status reversal by the excellent Robyn Goodby the excellent kopyn Good-man. But, sexual gymnastics apart. Max Stafford-Clark's company have some most winsome and inexpert dialogue to wrestle with. After Devil's Island, this is the second unsatisfactory text the Joint Stock Theatre Group have presented within a week, a disconcerting start for our leading experimental company's year. One wishes them better luck with their forthcoming productions of Barris Keefe and Howard Brenton.

ham's open prison. One in 10 of Britain's prison population is "inadequate" rather than a criminal.

We met unforgertable people, we met untorgettable scenes. The exercise yard, Doré come to life. The ritual induction: jacket, black; underpaots, blue fancy. Thatched cottages painted on wall plaques (prison painted on wail plaques (prison officer: "It's artistic, isn't it?" Prisoner: "I wouldn't give a prisoner of war this kind of work"). The censors discriminating, like genial uncles, between love and lust.

Stunned men, aggrieved men, rueful "screws", a convict guitarist (why bother with a theme tune by Larry Adler?), and one lifer whose will to survive with dignity under a gratuitously inhumane system revealed nobility of the highest order. Thoughts for Merlyn Rees:

Why not give prisoners a few hours of regular privacy by rotating their occupation of their cells, and why not hire some women staff? note lines, unpredictable block

idioms, while the heroic bassast Sam Jones provides a sophisticated harmonic basis and sinewy solos. Their young tenor saxophonist, Bob Berg, is developing apace, gradually shedding his worried tone and argumentations. tative phrasing in favour of a suitably mellower approach. The repertoire is varied and well-considered, built on Wal-

well-considered, built on Walron's own functional pieces (like
rhe muki-bued "Suite Sunday") but also incorporating
provocative recompositions of
Thelonisus Monk's "Off
Minor" and Stevie Wonder's
"Another Star". This is certainly one of the most consistently rewarding jazz groups
ever to visit London, and should ever to visit London, and should be heard at all costs. Under Higgins's deft hands, time really does fly.



Ion Vickers and Peter Glossop Otello

Covent Garden

John Higgins There is little point now in crying for the Tannhäuser that might have been. The revival of Wagner's opera originally scheduled for Covent Garden On Monday collapsed some weeks ago when Jon Vickers announced that he was unwilling to tackle the title role, a decision that affected the Metropolitan in New York as well. Mr Vickers's change of plan cannot be applicated on

well. Mr Vickers's change of plan cannot be applauded; on simple economic grounds one singer's cancellation means that the contracts of others have to be annualed. But it has to be respected, for Jon Vickers has integrity.

The substitute opers was Otello, a slightly odd choice perhaps when within the past 18 months Hamburg, Paris and Milan have all shown off glossy new productions with Domingo in the title role. The Covent Garden staging has come of age, pensionable age, and it was sesteely an object of great beauty in the first place. But at least it had the advantage of keeping together Jon Vickers and Zubin Mehta, who was making his London debut as an opera conductor.

The combination; was the success of the evening, Mehta lashed up the waves and the storm in the opening minutes, cracked the score out into the

storm in the opening minutes, crecked the score out into the ouse But anyone who thought that it was going to be a con-ventional display of firebrand conducting was deceived. For much of the evening he chose carefully slow tempt, calling for individually sweet playing to which not all the orchestra could respond.

He was solicitous to soprano, tremulous and ill at tute opera. Fortunately Mehta ease in her last act "Ave has a new production to him-Maria", coexing from her what self in three months' time; La voice there was. Yet he had driven the chorus into a majestic conclusion to the foregoing finale. All of which does demonstrate that Mr Mahta is a top-class opera conductor, as those who have heard him abroad already know. Jon Vickers was the only singer on stage to give him

Nelsova/Balsam St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Monday's lunchtime - recital broadcast from St. John's brought a reminder that the current series is featuring the chamber music of Shosta-kovich: Zara Nelsova and Artur Balsam chose this com-poser's cello somes, Op 40, as their centrepiers.
Rostropovich, the inspiration.

behind several of Shostakovich's later celle works, was a child of seven at the time of the sonata's composition. Shostakovich himself was only 28, and not yet too troubled by the demands of "socialist realism.". It is music which could just as easily come from the west, above all else remind-ing us of Shostakovich's respect

ing us of Snostakovich's respectfor classical tradition.
Perhaps, because they had
played a Bach sonata immediately before, Miss Nelsova
and Mr Balsam presented it
with unusual gravity. Listening
over the radio, I thought they BBC Singers

St John's

Paul Griffiths

with a respectable new work each time as well as music by Tallis and Brahms. On Monday there were discoveries in all three parts of the programme. Brahms's two moters Op 29, for example, showed the young composer in an unusual light, as the direct heir of Bach. The first of the pair found the choir serene and thoughtful as they wrapped Romantic phrases around a baroque framework, but in the second they showed more enthusiasm than science. Their singing was more secure and much more pleasing in the and much more pleasing in the Tallis items, particularly, in the Mass on Puer natus est nobis which was written perhaps for St Paul's on Christmas Day, 1554. On that occasion if would have been been by Care Mass. Tallis items, particularly in the birth and his resurrection. It makes on Puer natus est nobis is a splendid display of modern which was written perhaps for choral techniques which St Paul's on Christmas Day, triumphs over its models, and 1554. On that occasion it would here it had a splendidly full have been heard by Queen Mary hearted performance.

much vocal support. Together they reached their peak in Act III when Vickers paced deliberately around the pillars before "Dio! mi potevi scalgiar" and the orchesta intoned a funeral march declar-ing that all was lost. The close, where Otello inches rowards the corpse of Desdemona on the bed, was equally majestic.

On Monday's hearing not all the necessary vocal equip-

ment remains for Otello. The upper register sounds forced, so that the end of the Love Duet went for little. It is basically a declaratory performance, yet some of declamations freeze the blood. Vickers, the wounded bull, Vickers, the wounded bull, demonstrates as clearly as any contemporary Otello command being challenged, authority declining and finally all quietude rioped away.

It is a pity he did not have a decent metador. Peter Glossop, who sang creditably enough opposite Vickers in Sajzburg six years ago, achieved the feat of turning lago into a du'l fellow. There was no don of

low. There was no drop of poison in the voice, no bite, no jeslousy and not even much jealousy and not even much ambition. The match would have been declared void on all coupons. Raina Kabalvanska, who was heard here more than a decade ago as Desdemona, looked stately and hurt on stage with regular changes of dressyellow, ice blue and night. Looks though are not enough and the voice was too cautiously and the voice was too cautiously nursed, weaving a thin thread of sound all too often when the

score calls for a cry of outrage. Robin Legate made a most promising debut as a cherubic Cassio. The rest of the house contributions were routine and the staging in general lookedtacky and under-rehearsed. With the exception of Vickers and Mehta this was, alas, substi self in three months' time. La fanciulla del West. It should be well worth weiring for,

Otello cast changes Kostas Paskalis will sing lago on March 16 and 19 and George Macpherson will sing Montano on March 19 in the revival of Otello at Covent Garden

could have enjoyed themselves more in the Scherzo, with a wider range of colour and bolder dynamic centrasts. In the final Roado, too, they could have given freer rein to ten-perament, with a smile or two in their phrasing on the way. But the searching opening Moderato and the expressive Largo were both nobly done, with rich singing tone from Miss Nelsove in the latter, as well as fine response from both artists to the music's emotional

rise and fall.

In Bach's D major sonata
(BWV 1028) Mr Balsam did his
best, with crisp articulation
and clear texture, to turn the
piano into a harpsichord. The performance strongly empha-sized that it was a dua sonata. not a cello piece with keyboard accompaniment. Once or twice (not least towards the end of the finale) Mr Balsam's determination to hold rhythm steady even made him seem the

dominant partner.

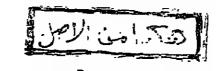
Miss Nelsova nevertheless had her fling, exuberantly and with a lively variety of colour too, in Chopin's Introduction and Polonaise brillante, no more than a youthful jeu d'esprit, but just what the recital needed for a happy end.

and Philip of Spain, then vainly expecting the birth of a child, and Tallis provided a setting in a grand, rather archaic manner, its seven parts flamboyantly decorated. The BBC choir's per-The BBC Singers' current formance of the work which has season of early-evening recitals is proving highly illuminating, with a respectable new work each time as well as music by Tallis and Brahms. On Monday there were discoveries in all three parts of the programme.

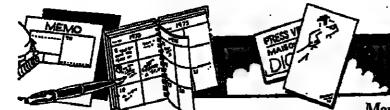
decorated. The BBC choir's performance of the work which has not work which has not work which has not work which has included just three sections, restored and guite by Sally Dunkley and David Wulstan. Kerry Woodward, the evening's conductor, through a sonorous account. The other Tallis piece was

The other Tallis piece was earlier, the motet Gaude gloriosa dei mater, and this again had a well balanced well shaped reading. Mr Woodward was right to allot some sections to solo voices, but some of his principal singers let him down Then Musgrave's Rorme coefficients the new piece, setting two poems of William Dunbar to make vivid comment on the necessary link between Christ's

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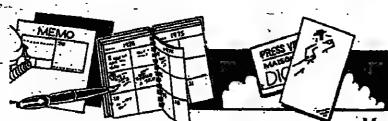
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Too harsh a judgment on the difficulties of the reluctant juror

Mr Justice Mars-Jones was in a rare old paddy at the Old Bailey on Monday, anent the case of the juror who felt unable, and so refused to continue hearing the case of a man charged with rape at a Birmingham court. Hark:

your attitude that day was

one of defiance . . if it should happen that other people get the idea they can do what you did and get away with it . . . minded to send you to prison . . . substantial fine . . , regard it as a grave contempt . . very serious matter indeed . . . cheek . . . first instance I have ever known . . if citizens are to abrogate their responsibility . . . solemnity of the obligation . . . snapping their fingers at

the courts . . . desperately serious state of affairs . . . Methinks the gentleman doth protest too much for his health. Sixty-two is just the wrong ago for a man to be lashing himself into that kind of frenzy, and before we go on to consider the matter in detail, I must insist that the learned judge swallows a couple of tran-quillizers of a reputable brand and gets his feet up for half an hour or so; I know I have a reputation for not instinctively warming to-wards the judiciary, but I certainly

members of it.
Still, even allowing for the ability of judges to feel more indignant

Mars-Jones's outburst did go a trifle far. And in view of the fact that I propose today to go every step of the way with him, I must enter my first objection, which is to the fact that not only is a judge permitted to hear a case of "contempt in the face of the court arising from a trial over which he presided himself (and this was one, for Mr Justice Mars-Jones was the judge in the Birmingham trial at which the juror was unable to continue); it seems that he does not even have the right to refer such a charge of contempt to another judge. This seems to me a very undesirable state of affairs indeed; perhaps a flagrant contempt in the form, say, of continuous interruption of the proceedings or the causing of violent scenes in the summarily by the presiding judge (though I doubt this); but in a case like the present one, in which the contempt hearing takes place weeks later, in another town, and in the form of entirely separate proceedform of entirely separate proceedings, there is no excuse. I am astonished at the fact that the Phillimore Committee on Contempt recommended that there should be no change in this state of affairs, and even more astonished by the extraordinarily feeble quality of the reasoning by which its conclusion was defended.

There is a simple solution avail-

There is a simple solution available, which in any case constitutes

a long-overdue reform. There is no good reason for contempt in the face of the court " to remain unique among crimes in that it is not formally treated as a crime at all though, unlike all other crimes, those convicted of it can be sent to prison for an indefinite period); in this category of contempt cases, the defendant cannot even plead not guilty, let alone call evidence, nor is it thought necessary for evidence to he given of what he may have done and what it may have amounted to. The whole matter is decided by the judge alone, and the only course open to a defendant and his counsel is a plea in mirigation. This is a scandalous state of affairs, quite apart from the power it gives to a judge in precisely those circumstances in which it is least fitting for him to wield it—that is, circumstances in which he is considering what is in effect an offence against him. No judge could or would hear a case of burglary in which it was his house that had been robbed, or of assault in which it was his own head that had been belaboured; nor would he try a civil case between two companies in one of which he held shares. The reasons for this abstinence are too obvious to need rehearsing; but the very same reasons apply in con-tempt cases, and they do not seem to he sufficiently obvious to have been noticed by the judiciary, or even Parliament.

The solution is to make all con-tempt a crime, like any other. But that though important, does not affect the principle involved, any more than does the judge's rage at the fact that the juror's action could have necessitated a rehearing of a trial "which had cost £30,000 to £40,000 by that stage and might have been completely wrecked "; possibly 28 years as a barrister does tend to persuade a man that the important thing about justice is the money that changes hands in the course of it, but it might have been better to omit that passage altogether.

The defendant had the extraordinary courage to confess his incapacity and refuse to continue

can address ourselves to the main question. The juror, a youth of 20, realized in the course of the trial that he simply could not bear the responsibility of deciding a matter of guilt or innocence which, grave enough in itself, was made much more so by the gravity of the offence alleged. As his counsel put

This man found the conflicting speeches from counsel—prosecution and then defence—atterly bewilder-

General Goodpaster, when he was Saceur, produced a figure, the statistical basis of which has never been verified, that 15 per cent of Nato's defence

of standardization. Too seldom has there been adequate recog-

much more prepared to devote resources to defence if they

ere spent within and provide jobs in their own countries. Waste, overlap and military

inefficiency may be caused by this prevalent tendency, and they are; but at the same time

the overall result is to provide more resources for defence, resulting in fact in more wes-

pons and larger forces than

would have existed otherwise. The economies to be gained by

quently proposed to alleviate the apparent waste are unlik-

ely to be anything like as great

as the enthusiasts for them claim, and there is always the

danger that such savings as did

accrue would not in fact be used to provide greater

defence effort but disappear

What then must we do? In

essence it is to find the right balance in all these affairs:

between the United States and

Europe; between dependence

and independence; herween wholesale standardization, which inevitably means domi-

nation by the powerful Ameri-

can defence industry, and the highest degree of both standar-dization and interoperability

which will permit the preserva-

tion of viable European defence industries; between wasteful overlap of function and too high a degree of spe-cialization which could leave

one over-dependent on others,

whose national decisions could

leave one seriously in the lurch; between the demands of maritime and continental warfare; between nuclear and

Too much emphasis on the latter could weaken or break the escalatory links between

them which are essential to the maintenance of an effec-

tive deterrent to war—to keep-ing high to the other side the risk of action which could lead to war and of war itself. On

conventional forces.

back into the rapacious

of national treasuries.

ing, and found himself first per-suaded by prosecution and then by defence, and finally found himself in a state not only of not knowing what he thought but getting himself into a state nearing panic, and feel-ing he was to be asked to reach a conclusion he felt quite inadequate to take. . . He is only 20, and of no great experience in the world, and

it does seem that because of his immaturity that he simply was not capable of proving an effective juror. It has not been very long that one has had jurors of this age sitting at court mat one mas man purous on this age
sitting at court. . . He was not
strapping fingers at the court. It was
the very solemnity of the oath and
seriousness of the obligation that

In that condition, the defendant had the extraordinary courage, after 13 days in the jury box (the case went on for only another two). to confess his incapacity and refuse to continue; ir was obvious that this was a genuine plea, not an attempt to get out of his citizen's duty, for had he been swinging the lead, he and he been swinging the lead, he would have announced his artitude at the beginning of the trial, not the end. But instead of commendation for an action which I for one find wholly admirable, he finds the entire weight of the law flung at him, including a hearing at the Old Bailey, and ends by having to pay a fine of £100, and narrowly escaping prison. (The young man is unem-ployed, and may well, if he cannot raise the money, have to serve the three months that the judge laid

down as the alternative. And Mr Justice Mars-Jones added, I regret to say, a final and most unnecessary pettiness, ordering that the juror should not be paid any expenses for the fortuight he spent in court.)

Consider, before you say that i am mistaken in commending the unfortunate youth, what else he might have done, and how easy it would have been for him to do it—how easy, and how wrong. Unable to make up his mind on the case, he could have taken his place in the jury room, kept quiet, and simply gone along with whatever majority view emerged, comforting himself with the belief that his fellowjurors would have got it right. But he rejected the easy course in favour of the difficult one: he declared himself, amid considerable humiliation, unfit to be a juror. A juror would certainly be expected to disqualify himself if, for instance, he realized that he was acquainted with a party to a civil action or a defendant in a criminal case, or if he had special knowledge of matters concerned in the case that were not brought out in the proceedings, or if he had some financial or similar interest. Yet if Mr Justice Mars-Jones's view of the matter is followed, it seems that a juror is not allowed, on pain of very savage treatment, to disqualify himself because he is quite unfit to cope

with the solemn duty laid upon him.

I have never served on a jury, but I have known or spoken with n who have, and heard of their experiences, and the most abidio impression such accounts leave with is that the interests of juwould be far better served if me jurors were to follow the adm example of the young man who a roused the Mars-Jones ire; it seems that a large number of juries con tain at least one member who se to have no idea of what the case; about, let alone how it should i decided. For reasons which I have repeatedly given, this does shake my belief that the snake my benef that the just system is by far the best method of determining justice, and should be retained; but the fact that I believe it is good does not pro-clude my feeling that it could be better, and the self-disqualificants of jurors unable to follow, or unde stand, or cope with, the proceedings would certainly constitute a

improvement. Yet if Mr Justice Mars-Jones to his way, no such improvement w his way, no such improvement will be permitted. I hope that he does not have his way, and that other jurors, despite the appaling presedent that has now been set, will find the courage, if they feel that they are unable to discharge their duties, to say so and to withdraw from the case. from the case.

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Sir Michael Carver on the purpose and practice of defence

Peace depends on the balance of risk rather than the balance of forces in Europe Twice a year since the Defence many: secondly by the mere volved in Nato affairs since call into question the viability

Review at budget time in the spring and at PESC time in the autumn (in some years, as Christmas), future defence budget targets have come under the Chancellor's axe in spite of the comprehensiveness of the Defence Review itself.

arguments bandled about on these occasions have tended to obscure the major problems of defence, the fun-damental question being our relationship with America.

There was a time ten years ago and more, when the argument ranged around whether United States support of our position in the world and of Europe depended more upon our maintaining our world-wide position of influence, acked by a military presence, than upon our showing our-selves to be good Europeans in the defence as well as in the political field.

Brown (ours not theirs) met ing in Washington in April 1967 and told him that the everywhere east of Suez "by the mid-1970s

Sluce then there have been tensions from time to time between the United States and Europe or just between the States and ourselves. This has given rise to sugges-tions that we could not rely on the permanent commitment of United States to Europe and that we should therefore try and create a European defence organization without her, based fundamentally per-baps on Franco-British nuclear cooperation. Those who have considered following this path have found it to be a cul-de-

sac. In the days when M Debré was France's Minister of Defence, such a view was certainly to be heard in influential circles, complemented by the opposed, but also Gaullist view that as America's interests were inextricably bound up with Western Europe, there was no need to exert oneself to persuade her to continue her support of European defence: she would do so in

to which the former view leads is provided by the total lack of enthusiasm of any European member Nato for such a concept, nota-bly and most importantly Ger-

facts of power.
It is inconceivable, in military, political or financial terms, whatever the theoretical demographic or economic sta-tistics, that Western Europe could provide a defence capable on its own of balancing that of Russia, even without adding her Warsaw Pact satellites into the scales.

If Europe began even to take the first steps in this direction, Nato would quickly disintegrate, America be disil lusioned and some Europeans inclined to make tentative feeters eastward. The stability of the whole structure on which based for the last quarter of a century would be fatally un-dermined.

Looking at the coin from the other side, it is very difficult to imagine a realistic scenario which Russia could conceiv That question was settled ably imagine that she would once and for all when George gain anything from military operations which involved her in direct hostilities with the United States, certainly as long as the link of escalation from conventional action through remove its forces from almost tactical nuclear to strategic remains credible.

> The peace of Europe and of the world depends upon this risk to Russia remaining high. If she thought it low, she might be tempted either to exert pressure or take action which, in her judgment, ran a low risk of leading to actual war; or she might consider the running, as Hitler did in the 1930s, although his generals did not agree with him.

The two elements which have kept and continue to keep the risk high are the direct involvement of the United States in the defence of Europe and the possibility, in-deed the probability, that she would use nuclear weapons against Russian forces involved in aggression in Europe or the North Atlantic, with the risk of escalation to targets in the

Europe's fundamental defence problem is how to ensure that these two elements are maintained. The answer that has been given by successive United States administra-tions. Democrat and Republican, is clear; by doing her bit; carrying her fair share of the burden, especially in conventional forces. But who is to be the judge of what the fair burden should be? Nohody who has been inthe earliest days would pre-tend that either Nato's "force goals" or the actual forces provided or promised result from any sophisticated military analysis, in spite of the vast amount of paperwork devoted to the process. They consist of what member governments have been prepared to produce, sometimes influenced by the advice of the major Nato commander concerned or

occasionally by that of the machinery in Brussels. Nevertheless what exists, in spite of its many deficiencies, particularly in quality, when backed up by the potential of the United States forces available in the United States and by her nuclear arsenal, does produce a balance of power which is recognized on both sides of the Iron Curtain as being a credible deterrent

to war. But this may only remain so if it is kept up to date, and the cost of doing so demands, without any doubt, not just the continuation of the current effort, expressed in constant the Russians in the future, and if, as is essential, the man-power devoted to defence is to be maintained at at least the present level, whether by conscription or by wholly voluntary service or by a combination of

defence Nato meeting in Brussels, accept this. Some even undertake to make an increased effort, while others shake their heads and point out the domestic political difficulties. The Americans maintain their demands, knowing that they may have great difficulty at home if they do not, in main-taining the defence effort in support of Europe which both the State Department and the Pentagon are as anxious as any

the United States effort in terms of justify defence Their principal is for a European demand effort in the conventional fold which will convincingly lemon-strate that a war can continue in Europe without the use of nuclear weapons for long enough to justify both the stationing of forces in Europe and their reinforcement. If this is not seen to be so.

and there is a demand for the use of nuclear weapons before American reinforcement is complete, not only does this

of the United States conventional forces allocated to Europe and the North Atlantic, but it appears tantamount to handing the trigger, which could set off an escalatory procass ending with megaton wea-pons landing on the United States, to Europeans who are not prepared to make suffi-cient effort in their own defence, In addition to this

demand for greater conven-tional effort within Nato, they ask for more local support of their own forces and also for greater association with them outside the official Nato area, in order that they may not feel so isolated in carrying the white (or western) man's burden all over the world. However they are not so blind to the realities of life as

to imagine that the possibility of a significantly greater expenditure in real terms by the European members of Natoranks high. So they fall back on the theme that we get very poor value for money because of the diversity of equipment, the inefficiency and high costs of our defence industries, and the overlap in function between different national forces. The solutions to these they see as standardization, sub-con-

tracting or manufacturing under licence to the United States defence industry, specialization and rationalization. In other words a return, as far as possible, to the situation which prevailed in the early days of Nato when the grant of United States military aid was one of the chief attractions of joining, and United States equipment and United States methods were adopted by almost every-one except ourselves and, in of methods,

It is the phasing out of that high dependence on the United States that has been the principal, although not the only, cause of the divergences from standardization that exist standardization today. As European countries faced the real cost of keeping their equipment up to date, they tended to make it themselves either on their own or in cooperation with other European members; or to shop around for what they con-sidered to be the best value for limited money. But let us not forget that the Americans themselves have diverged in many ways from Nato standards, either to meet

© Sir Michael Carver, 1977. needs of the Vietnam Field Marshal Carver retired in October us Chief of the Defence Staff. war or in order to exploit new technologies and introduce im-

this peace depends.

Why views from the roof of the world go further than most

Roger Berthoud meets Sir Edmund Hillary

At 57, Sir Edmund Hillary is perhaps a shade less wiry than when he reached the top of Everest almost 25 years ago. But the tousled brown hair is only slightly greying, the broad grin is still there, and even in the comfort of his home in suburban Auckland, those pale blue syes seem to screw up periodically as if to assess some distant peak.

On May 29, 1978 it will be the 25th anniversary of that great moment when he and Tensing made it to the top. But it was only on Coronation Day, June 2, that James Morris of The Times was able to get the news out from Nepal. "Per-haps, except for John Hunt (the expedition's leader), James expedition's leader), James Morris was the only one who realized the impact it would have at that time, and also that it might be possible", he re-called, when I took advantage of the Queen's jubilee visit to New Zealand to visit him.

"Obviously it did arrive a the right moment", he said with a laugh. "It probably gave the climb a rather greater tatus rhan it deserved ".

Will they be celebrating the fesses he is " not all that great on celebrations, to tell the hon-est truth". But Sir John Hunt has been sounding out the surviving members—two have since died in climbing accidents, Tom Bourdillon and Wilfred Noyce—and some sort of a collective trek in Napal is

likely. Sir Edmund thinks there has been a good deal of over-dra-matization of the climb.
"There used to be a lot of emphasis on shortage of emphasis on shortage of breath I never did one step and then required six pants. You are short of breath, and it is a struggle, but it's not quite as desperare as that. It's jolly hard work, but if you take is steadily, you seem to

get there".
Nor was the instant fame as devastating an experience as it might have been: in his case, it gave him more opportunity to do the sort of things which he had already started doing, and he still has the same or similar friends as then—people in-terested in mountains and the out-of-doors. The change, he found, was more that his utterances on a wide range of subjects which interested him, like conservation and family planning, were treated with "more respect than they per-haps warranted". He could get press coverage when more worthy people had been saying



Sir Edmund Hillary: climb was over-dramatized ".

the same things unnoticed for It was harder in many ways for Tensing, he believes, "It wasn't difficult for me or George Lowe (a fellow New Zealander) to go back to Lon-don and meet all the important people and enjoy it without feeling any sense of being overwielmed and crushed. In fact, we thought it was a bit of a scream_

"For Tensing initially, although a man of considerable attough a man or considerable natural presence and dignity, it was difficult, but he really has handled it very wall". For some 20 years after Everest, Sir Edmund led a happy and fulfilled life. There was the highlight of the South Pole expedition of 1958, a growing involvement in the well-being of the Sherps community of Nepzl, some satisfying work for Sears Roebuck and an American publishing house, a lot of lecturing, and a

very happy family life with his wife and three children.

Then, on March 31, 1975, tragedy struck, as it so often seems to strike those who have all that anyone could want. His wife and one of his daughters were killed in a plane crash. The plane had taken off from Katmandu airport, and was due to land on an airfield at Paphlu, in Nepal, which Sir Edmund was enlarging and improving.
"A terrific lot of the ins-

piration for the Sherpa activity and fund-raising came from my wife, and there was great plea-sure for me in sharing this

-Wy Jubilee suggestion is

now operating more from a sense of duty, whereas before it was just all jolly good fun.", He stayed on in Nepal, finished the airport and built a hospital there, which was opened by the Prime Minister of Nepal lest May.

Building 17 schools, two hear pitals, three airfields and many

pitals, three airfields and many bridges in Nepal remains the work which has given him! most satisfaction: Not I hope of the do-gooder sort, which I rather deplore, but the satisfaction faction of working with people I like, and admire, and being able to give them a bit of a hand—and also getting quite a lot back from them ".

Sir Edmind regrets the emergence there of aspects of western society, like an obsession with money,

"My feeling as far as our activities are concerned is that

these changes are going te-take place, and I want to see the Sherpas equipped to handle them as well as the can. I want the local people a get their good share of my cake there is." Most of the trakking agencies are run by Sherpas. The "sharp cookies" have been kept out, and the local people have some say their destiny.

He fears that his native New Zealand has become far more materialistic, with a much greater gap than 30 years ago between rich and poor, and that it is catching up with the rest of the world in social disharmony. He is still very much against rugby tours of South Africa; "I was at the last Olympics in Montreal and it was a very uncomfortable place to be a New Zealander... When it becomes an international issue which consider. ably affects the lives of averyone in the country, I don't see how we can ignore it as a purely sporting matter."

He also continues to think that Mr Bill Rowling, the Labour leader was and would.

Labour leader, was and would be a better Prime Minister than the present incumbent.
Mr Robert Muldoon, leader of
the National Party, "I just
don't like and never have liked noisy and abusive people. But it seems you have increasingly to be noisy and abusive to be heard, and that's rather sad."

It is a common refrain with him, but happily Everest has helped make his own voice heard, and he remains an understand and he remains an understand and he remains an understand and helped make his own voice heard, and he remains an understand helped make his own voice heard, and he remains an understand helped make his own voice. daunted adventurer: he is even now raising funds for an autumn trip using jet boas from the Bay of Bengal up the Hoogli and the Ganges to the latter's headwaters.

The Times Diary

Checking out gambling and the veg

reports of his visit to Hongexpected me to spend a week in Hongkong-or indeed anywhere-without testing the horse racing. It was my good fortune that my visit coincided with the Derby, one of the sea-

son's major races. Racing is run-efficiently and apparently with honesty-by e powerful Royal Hongkong Jockey Club: it is a standing joke in the colony that its three most powerful institutions are and Shanghai Bank and the administration, in that order. The sport is immensely popular monopoly run by the Jockey Club, both on and off the course, and the average betting turnover on each race day is

The meeting is usually on Saturdays, but that week it was on the Monday—the last of the New Year public holidays. Gates opened at 10 am, nearly four nours before the first race, and

Michael Leapman continues his by 11 am the public enclosure was full and the gates closed-The four-tier stand was packed with an unbroken mass of 25,000 faces. To fill in the long paper darts and took bets on who could throw them farthest. Things were more relaxed in

the members' enclosure, and positively sublime in the Hong-kong Club's bit of it, where the cream of local (white) society dressed in their smartest clothes and helped themselves to a splendid buffer lunch, with plenty of drink. At four o'clock, after the fifth race, tea and dainty cakes were served. The racing is of a high standard, with horses and jockeys imported from England and

The Jockey Club buys all the horses, to ensure a consistent standard, then sells them to individual owners. A limited individual owners. A limited crowd the ferries, jet foils and number are bought each year, hydrofoils and ge off to Macao to keep the total in training itself. The authorities on this account 500

Valley, adjoining the cemetery.
Hongkong being short of space,
everything is built upwards
rather than outwards, so the
horses on the top floors face a
long climb up rather than long climb up ramps to get home. When they leave for their dawn training sessions on the course, they wear rubber over-shoes to avoid waking nearby residents The Chinese like fancy bets

-doubles, forecasts, trebles, double forecasts, and one in which they have to name the first four horses in a race. in any order. More than twice as much is staked on these than on standard win or place bets. They carefully study the odds on the electronic tote board, and buy fistfuls of tickets at denominations of hetween 70 pence and £70. Yer even this does not satisfy their thirst for a gamble, because thousands of them, at the end of the meeting, go off to patronize the illegal bookmakers who take bets on dog racing in Macao.

Big money

Better still, thousands of them

multi-storey stables across the pression on the visitor is of road from the course at Happy Valley, adjoining the cemetery. Hongkong being short of space, everything is built upwards stab. "the Monte Carlo of the Face"

I went there on the day after the New Year holiday had formally ended, but the casinos were still packed with visitors from Hongkong, elbowing each other out of the way to get to the tables. Money flows prodigiously. At some tables the minimum single bet is £12 and I saw people manipulating large piles of chips of that denomination.

The western games roulette, baccarat and black-jack are less popular than the formed, is in Germany.) The this area. It would be churlish administration, rightly fearful to disable a fearful to —where you have to guess how many buttons the dealer will have left in his pile after removing four at a time—or "big and small", where you bet on whether three dice will show a high or low total of The fruit machines, of bewildering complexity, are well patronized, with some players carrying their coins round in

The syndicate of Hongkong businessmen who run the Macao gambling pay £4 million a year for the privilege, and it is cheap at the price. One of them has just built a fine

guese Governor, which could the least pretentious fine resdo with a coat of point.

The syndicate also control most of the hotels and one of the two hydrofoil services which have cut the trip from Hong-kong to Macao to an hour. It is Macao's only link with the outside world, since there is no airport and the land gate to China is not much help to tourists.

The largest casino is at the 600-room Rotel Lisboa, an extraordinarily ugly structure in the rooms, two whole floors of gambling and the second largest chandelier in the world. (The ruin the character of the place, have forbidden further destruction of the Portuguese colonialstyle buildings.
Another main attraction for

tage of that during by visit, setting up a fear-some fusillade which lasted all evening.

taurants, with uncomfortable scats and tables, and decor of unredeemed starkness. It is also far from lavish. My rightly also rar from lavish. My rightly recommended African chicken, delicately and delightfully spiced, was served with just three chips: I counted them. Greens

As well as going to the races,

it is becoming inevitable that whenever I travel abroad I should take a look at vegetable production. My experience of Brixton agriculture leads my hosts to the conviction that I that any more like that would so I drove to the New Territories with Dr O. T. Wong, the Government's Acting Assistant Director of Agriculture, to see Hongkong's intractable diffi-

Another main attraction for visitors from Hongkong is that they can let off firecrackers at New Year to drive away demons —a practice baned in Hongkong since the Red Guard riots of it hilly and unsuitable for 1967. They were taking advantage of the colony is All the same, the colony is now producing about half its vegetable consumption. Some

Then there is the Pousada de 12,000 acres are given over to Macao, which I was told by a vegetable growing, most of it three or four days. around 500.

small Portuguese-administered them has just built a fine friend in Hongkong was one of land that was formerly used for part, is too sandy to be ideal, Although there are a number enclave tell you rather painedly house on the peninsula's most the great restaurants of the growing rice, and some of it but the farmers make good use of individual trainers, all that it has more to offer than favoured hillside, far exceeding world. That may be an exaggeration, but it is certainly one of Wong said, to grow rice in so water is supplied free by the



small an area. The same acreage of rice would supply Hong-The ground, for the most

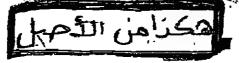
Government. Some have created flourishing vegetable plots of what is in effect the beach ...

They grow mainly green leafy vegetables with a short growing season. Because of the absence of severe weather they can fit in several harvests every year. About 16 miles out of Hongkong we stopped to look at the five acres farmed by Mr Ng, one of the ace cultivators of the New Territories. Since a farmer is reckoned to be able to earn between £3,000 and £4,000 an acre he was clearly a wealthy man, His main crop was flowering

cabbage, a brassica with a thick stem and yellow flowers, which are steamed and eaten along with the leaf. There was also the leafy Chinese cabbage (which I failed to grow in Brixton last year) as well as a little broccoli and a large area of curly leafed lettuce.

Each crop was in many different stages of development, from seedlings to fully mature. Sowing for succession, which the gardening books urges us all to do, is much easier in this moderate climate. In the heat of the summer, though, it is too hot for most of these crops, and Mr Ng switches to cucumbers, melons and French beans. It is not a bit like Brixton.

PHS



THE CENTRE MUST HOLD

ever served on a me sudden upsurge of interest with or spoken with one splitting the Treasury is in and heard of the ways oddly timed. It has and the most ways been poorly focused; and such accounts have of the comments made of the interests of the General Sub-Comfar better served lines of the House of Commons ne sudden upsurge of interest last year, to be more resolute should work. Pretending that far better served tree of the House of Commons e to follow the committee have f the young the young inen psequently been superficial.

Mars-Jone many many sensible discussion of the rumber of Juricinestion needs to start from the idea of what had allowing essential facts. The idea of what the glowing essential the division alone how the caue is not about the division as such. It is alone how the cause is not about the distribution of the organization of the given, this does not the organization of the belief that the late Sir by far the belief that the chard Clarke, who wrote the ming justice belt chard Clarke, who wrote the discount of the problem in the but that the late Sir but d: but the lag 171 (New Trends in Governis good die lac 71 (New Trenus at the "seling that the entre" of seling that the Treasthe self-disjutation of the Civil Service Department cope with the Self-disjutation of the Civil Service Department cope with the Psychology of the Cabinet Office, the certain's consume Minister's Office and the at.

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such improvements. Secondly, the discussion of is way, and this ring back at least to the crea-has now here the property of the way can be a superior of the way and the ring back at least to the crea-has now here the action of the war Cabinet in 1916, ourage, it they had extended through Warren purage in the leg leg extends through the nable to uncharge isher's Treasury between the many say so and in waars. It includes the many rmutations and combinations the permanent secretaryship

ewspapers Ltd. line the Treasury, the official gadship of the home Civil Serce and the secretaryship of the abinet during and after the econd World War and into the 960s. It embraces the radical of these Treasury during the 1960s, well as Sir Richard Clarke's nd repeated reorganizations of efinitive work and a supplelentary study by Sir Samuel oldman (New Trends in Govrnment 2) in 1973.

wo-fold reason

stayed Thirdly, the Treasury is still stayed bearing the effects of the 1975 organization, designed within the Ireasury by Mr David Hanck. This followed the biggest ostwar reorganization in 1962 is repared by Sir Frank Lee and fr William (now Lord) Armrong, the Caesarian birth from ie Treasury of the Department Economic Affairs in 1964, the milar delivery of the Civil ervice Department in 1968 and Z he reassimilation of the DEA. :: en 1969.

Fourthly, the failures of expenditure control during the resent decade under Mr (now . ord) Barber between July, 971, and December, 1973, and nader Mr Healey between negative agench, 1974, and March, 1975and little to do with the organizaand on of the Treasury. The reasons ere partly political and partly echnical. The technical defect as now been substantially paired by the system of " cashmits " .introduced by the reasury over a year ago. As to pp.c ... c wie vie political will of the Cabinet · control expenditure it now

rant tems, after the experiences of

1960s.

For these reasons the timing of the present preoccupation with splitting the Treasury seems peculiar. Nor would such a split follow at all harmoniously in the wake of the 1975 reorganization, Its main thrust was to integrate more closely than before the expenditure controlling side of the Treasury with the groups responsible for taxation policy, industrial policy, incomes policy and monetary policy. But the fundamental question of the organization of the centre of government remains; and the time will perhaps never be-

The Government as a whole needs to ensure consistency in all of its operations, a function quite distinct from the Cabinet Office's coordination of collective policy-making. The predominant dimension of consistency is seen in the deployment of resources. The totality of resources committed by individual departments has to be consistent with the taxation which the Government is prepared to raise or the trend of the private sector's use of resources implied by government economic and industrial

entirely ripe for confronting it.

For this reason the department which has to find the money for government spending, has in almost all systems of Cabinet government come to be the natural hub of the whole wheel of government, the main central department. Under a presidential system, however, as in the United States in modern times, central budgetary control has been quite naturally retained in the office of the head of governmen: while the Treasury is merely the agency for raising taxes and borrowing funds to pay for the President's programmes, Congress permitting.

In a Cabinet system there is natural political logic in having the man who approves the expenditure plans of his col-leagues also be the man who takes public responsibility for raising the taxes and borrowing the money to pay for those plans. Even if there were an independent budget director, it would be hard to imagine him operating except under the close scrutiny

and prompting of the Chancellor. One thing at least is quite Pulton report was published and as experience has proved, namely that splitting responsibility for the efficient management of the public sector between the Civil Service Department's manpower control and the Treasury's financial control is neither logical nor practical. There is no meaningful difference between efficient manpower management and efficient financial management at the level of generality at which central departments must and

strate a remarkable depth of

feeling. In all cases known about

the poll has been extremely high.

In none of the ballots was the

majority in favour of the right

to strike less than 60 per cent,

and in two it was more than 80

per cent. One authority has declined to hold a ballot on the

grounds that it would be a waste

of time because its soundings had

shown clearly that an over-

whelming majority would vote in favour of the resolution. Such figures are indicative rather than

conclusive. It may be that police-

men in some areas not balloted

would oppose a change of the law

that would permit them to strike.

It is also possible that some of

those voting in favour may have

done so in the heat of the dis-

pute when reflection in a cooler

atmosphere might have produced

the opposite decision. Many may

have voted in the way they did-merely for tactical reasons, in

the hope that large positive

majorities would increase the

pressure on the Home Secretary

to improve the pay offer. It is

also important to distinguish

berween voting in favour of

being given the legal right to

strike and voting for strike

action itself. Happily, the police have not been called on to state

Nevertheless the momentum

which has now built up for a

their views on the latter.

INREST IN THE POLICE FORCE

and the cover of a recent issue of, police authority areas demon-· slice, the journal of the Police deration, depicts a £6 bankte with a caricature of Mr - aley on its face and the words promise to pay the bearer on mand the sum of six pounds. less he's a policeman." The terness and frustration of the lice at being refused the £6 a tek rise which almost every her group of employees peared to be getting on the ounds that such payment hald constitute a breach of the y code, will not easily abate.

wen if the improved offer made the Government is eventuy accepted. It is difficult to how any agreement can be acked other than with reluctce on the part of the police. eir unrest is not only over y, but forms part of a broader satisfaction about their status society and the support they heive from both the Governint and the public. Its most turbing manifestation, the npaign for the right to ionize in the full sense of the m - and consequently the ht to strike, may have some of impetus slowed by acceptance

a pay deal, but the pressure unlikely to be removed. ogether. The results of the ballots

wich have been held on the ht to strike in about a dozen d parks to the 16 miles out to the social contract

May I suggest to the old socialist

Sam Wapshare (February 23) the is being rather naive in his liments about current attitudes in

* m Mr Dennis Houson

Labour movement?

ar Buckton's prime duty must aly be to maintain and, where sible, improve the working con-ons (in the widest sense) of his

abers. It is no accident that the

et militant unions have done

st for their membership, although
n at the expense of the comnity as a whole. Therefore, a
le conscience, whilst highly
wable, must perforce take at

second place although there the occasions of real national

e come to the fore.

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a radio interview at the end of

year. Professor Milton Fried-la said that the trouble with the ted Kingdom was that for too we had been trying to do good taks with other people's money.

ing achieved a fair amount of the rich, "old lalists" have naturally turned to meat stratum of skilled workers managers who had a very brief

whiff of the sweet smell of a system of merit differentials before it was snatched away from them. The surprising thing about today's skilled workers and managers is that many of them have not yet given up hope. It is nice to enjoy the luxury of idealism but it is usually inequitable, rarely logical, and in the end never

practical. As Abraham Lincoln is reputed to have said—"You cannot

help the poor by destroying the Yours faithfully, DENNIS HOWSON, The Bungslow, 38 Oakhouse Road.

Bexleyheath, Kent. Hong Kong holiday

From Miss Teresa Kernick Sir, Your Diarist, Michael Leapman, in referring to the four-day break enjoyed by the inhabitants of Hong-kong, states that he "has heard no complaints about this idleness being symptomatic of a failing in the nation's moral fibre".

Perhaps he is not aware that for most of the Chinese in the Crown Colony, this is the only holiday they have all year—since Sundays are, to all intents and purposes, working

than ar any time since the late there is merely causes the CSD to treat the perfecting of the Civil Service as an end in itself, while the Treasury falls back on

its worst pre-Plowden babits.

The only plausible place to split the pre-Fulton Treasury is between the management of the public sector (embracing in one new central department, the CSD, the CPRS and the public sector side of the present Treasury) and the other economic and financial responsibilities of the Chancellor. This, indeed, was the solution favoured by Sir Richard Clarke in the light of more than twenty creative and illustrious years in the Treasury.

Such a split would, of course, separate responsibility for the major economic and financial premises on which the actual management of the public sector from that management rests itself. But he feared that the strain on the Chancellor of the Exchequer of placing him in charge of a fully reunited Treasury would be excessive. The obvious alternative would be to try so to strengthen the ministerial structure of a reunited Treasury, not least by appointing ministers of state in the Revenue Departments, that the Chan-cellor's work load would be bearable.

Difficult task

The opposing dangers need to be weighed carefully. A new central department could become an instrument for the presidential hankerings of some future inexperienced Prime Minister. Or it could become a citadel from which a new senior minister would seek to protect the integrity of some elegant five-year plan against interference by a Chancellor concerned with more immediate economic realities. On the other hand the grotesque inflation of the CSD since a modest 1,500 people were originally abstracted from the Treasury evidence enough of Fulton's folly in this respect — makes reunification difficult.

Mr Callaghan is clearly hastening slowly; and, unlike his two predecessors who have spoken out to the Expenditure Committee, he knows the Treasury from the inside. He also experienced divided economic command in the days of the DEA and can hardly relish the memory. If, despite the distinctly discouraging failure of institutional reform over the past fifteen years to transform Edvernment or national performthe Clarke plan and to redivide the centre of government, he will need to take mambiguous. simultaneous steps to conserve the morale of the residual Treasury and to uphold the essential economic guthority of the Chancellor.

change in the law should not be underestimated. At present a policeman withdrawing his labour commits a criminal offence punishable by a maximum of two years' imprisonment. Many do not see why that should be so, when almost every other group of workers is free to act in that way with impunity and generally with their jobs safeguarded.

There is a very good reason for treating the police differ-ently. They are the guardians of civil society, and the nature of their job is central to the proper functioning of the country's social and economic order. In the absence of the police lawlessness and anarchy would dominate, and no democratic system could long survive. A society unpoliced becomes a jungle where there is no protection for the vulnerable. Any strike action by the police-even for a short period—could seriously damage the balance and stability of our society. The police ought not to be given the right to strike, but in return for that exception, a duty is owed to them to ensure that their importance is recognized. They are entitled to decent pay and conditions, and they must be treated as a case of priority in whatever dispositions are made to follow the current rigid phase of pay restraint.

days—361 out of 365 is a good record, by any standards ! Yours sincerely, TERESA KERNICK.

Financing Leyland

15 The Boltons, SW10.

From Mr Geoffrey Mayo Sir, Those of us running small companies struggling to make a modest profit in order to survive at all, find it a bitter pill to swallow to see our corporation tax, representing over half of that profit, squandered at the rate of 12 million pounds per day by British Leyland and other nationalized loss-makers.

The corporation tax that my company pays next month may be a drop in the ocean by some standards but to us it would go a long way to building a new factory extension which we desperately need. Were the 12 million per day tap turned off this revenue could be used to provide new factories for expanding companies like ours at the rate of one every three minutes. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MAYO. Cobbles, Darmell Avenue,

West Byfleet, Surrey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

taxation

From Lord March Sir. The case of the recent purchase of the Althorp Van Dyck by the National Gallery in order to raise funds to pay capital taxes may conveniently serve to make plain that although much of the taxation legislation is designed to retain the historic unity of our national heritage, some sections positively encourage the break up of that

unity. Under the Finance Acts, in order, in theory, to preserve such unity and to increase public access as well as retaining works of art in this country, the Board of Inland Revenue may accept in satisfaction of tax any object where it appears desirable to the Treasury for it to remain associated with the building in which it is kept. But this building may not be a privately owned his-toric house, even where open to the public, but only a house owned by the Crown, the Government, the National Trust or certain other

public bodies. However, many of the pictures in our major privately owned houses now open to the public are indivisibly connected with the history of those particular houses. When pictures permanently leave the house in which they have always hung a very great deal of their historic meaning and interest as well as that of the house itself is lost forever.

Yet many of our national art institutions already possess more pictures than they can physically display at any one time or even with any regularity.

Surely it is absurd that through legislation we should create empty spaces in privately owned but publicly open houses and fill up the cellars of art galleries, thus in time denying the public those regular opportunities to view these or other pictures which were available when these pictures were on display in the houses.

The Chairman of the National Gallery Trustees used the occasion of the purchase of the Althorp Van Dyck to publicize the possible financial advantages to owners of selling to the National Gallery or making a gift in satisfaction of capital taxes. I hope that he and others who are deeply concerned about the retention of our heritage, its historical unity and public access to it, will press the Government to change the law so that pictures given in sens-faction of tax could, at the dis-cretion of the Treasury, remain in those privately owned houses where they historically belong, provided that the houses are open to the public

This relatively small change in the law could make a substantial contribution to the task of preventing our hismric houses from becoming like those empty and sad French chateaux. Yours faithfully,

MARCH. Goodwood House, Sussex

Psychiatric dispute

From Mrs Kate Butcher and Mr Keith Radley

Sir, We were very concerned to see that Mr Moonman (article, February 14) has unfortunately been given a biased view of the recent given a biased view of the recent dispute within the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, no doubt due to the fact that he is on the same all-party mental health group as the director of PRA.

We would like to point out, as representatives of the eight dismissed workers, that we have continued providing a service, full-time, to our clients throughout the dis-

to our clients throughout the dis-pute; they have not been thrown back on their own resources", as stated. We have done this without pay, and indeed have incurred personal debts through subsidizing the centres. We are the people that have ensured that the philosophy of PRA has continued, not the manage-ment, who in fact locked 60 clients

and four staff out of their centres.

The article also suggests that we were a political group with intentions of taking over the organization, to run it on a basis of extreme leftism. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We were a group of day centre staff (whose period of employment with PRA ranged from six months to 17 years), who all felt that we needed increased com-munication within the organization and more involvement in decision making, the very things which Eric Moonman advocates at the end of his article. We were working in iso-lation, and had little supervision,

There are a number of other details which could be discussed. However, our main point in writing is to emphasize that both sides of a story should be investigated before it is used by a person in a responsible position, to support a general political statement. Yours sincerely,

Churchyard vews From the Revd John Featherstone

nor the general tidiness.

The Vicarage, Denby Village, Derby. February 25.

Art collections and Elections for the European Parliament

From Mr Ronald Bell, QC, MP for Beaconsfield (Conservative) Sir, I do not want the members of the European Assembly to be elected at all, because I believe that the claim of an elected assembly for additional powers would soon be conceded, and the avowed aim of some politicians of draining power away from national parliaments to a European Parliament would be on

its way to attainment.
That opinion, though shared by many, would be no deterrent to the European Federalists. But even they must pause before the new sugges tion, discussed in your leading article on February 26, of a European Assembly (already calling itself a Parliament) consisting of nominees on party lists elected—if that is an appropriate word—by reference to popular votes cast merely for parties.

Of course, the present system of nomination by party leaders of a proportionate number of members of their national parliaments to go to Strasbourg is a kind of party list system: but no-one pretends that those members are elected to the Strasbourg "Parliament", and at least they really are elected to their national parliaments.

What advantage is there supposed to be, worth all the trouble, expense and shouting, in deciding what proand shouting, in deciding what pro-portions of the varying party lists are to go to Strasbourg by reference to the voting in a kind of disem-bodied general election? And in your leading article you seemed to envisage that as an acceptable permanent arrangement, because closer to continental practice than our own system, and because each member would in any case have difficulty in maintaining close contact with constituencies of hundred thousand electors. of several One might as well nominate from

the parties on the basis of the popular vote at the last general election, which might, anyway, hap-pen almost to coincide with the market's date; and perhaps get Ernie to pick at random a couple of independents to spice the mix: or better still just nominate them as now: or, best of all, just extract ourselves from the whole absurd business; for the European Assembly will either acquire real powers and debilitate national parliaments, or have, as now, no real powers and be a wasteful pretence. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant. RONALD M. BELL, House of Commons. February 28.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy Sir, In your excellent progress report "Electing a European Parka-ment" (February 25) you omitted

United Kingdom. Time is now getting very shortpossibly too short—for the Boundary Commissioners to spatch-cock together groups of British constituencies into Euro-constituencies. The process of compiling the electoral roll for 1978/79 begins in eight months' time. But the Bill for direct elections has not yet been put before Parliament.

National party lists would, of course, by definition imply some form of proportional representation. It would have, therefore, the advantage that the smaller parties would be represented in proportion to the number of votes cast for them nationally. This would mean that there would be Liberals as well as Scottish and Welsh Nationalists among United Kingdom members. It would probably mean too that Labour would have more members elected than they would on a single member constituency basis, assuming that they are still the party in power at Westminster at that time.

National party lists might well be new to us, but at least they offer the quickest way of gering our-selves ready in time for the European elections. They would give the parties the opportunity to weight their lists with more Scotsmen, for example, if they want to attract votes north of the border, or more Welshmen if they want to attract Welsh votes. They would enable party managers to make sure that their Euro-candidates are of a higher calibre than some of those are adopted as parliamentary candidates at the moment.

In any case, the national list ides need not be continued after the first set of elections for the European parliament. Presumably the second time round an agreed Europe-wide system of balloting would have been evolved.

Apart from enabling us to meet the 1978 deadline, one of the minor advantages of the elections being fought on national party lists would be that the election would be cheaper for the parties and for the taxpayer. One campaign would cover the whole country instead of 81 separate campaigns having to be mounted and administered.

I do not believe that our Euro-pan parmers will be disposed to accept the excuse that we cannot get ready in time. The Gaullists in France who, as your article points out, were rather lukewarm about the European elections, have now come round to the idea. The single national list was a difficult concept for them too. Yours faithfully,

BRYAN CASSIDY, 97 Portland Road, Kensington, W11.

Devolution

From Dr C. D. Needham Sir, Nobody, but nobody, and that includes all politicians both inside and outside Parliament, knows what

are the withes of the peoples of the three countries of the mainland United Kingdom regarding the various possible types of devolution. The Government apparently was even unable to foretell the wishes of a very small well-known com-munity sample—viz, Parliament—at the guillotine vote; so how can they pretend to know the wishes of whole populations in this matter? When any problem is to be considered it is sound practice to assemble the relevant data before rather than after it is debated and

a decision reached. In the inacter of devolution the wishes of the peoples involved constitute at least one large section of the factors to be taken into account; therefore a fact-finding (consultative) multiple choice referendum is an essential preliminary to any reasoned consideration of this grave constitutional issue. That the subsequent de-bate would be carried out with the knowledge and support of these additional data would serve to en-hance, not diminish, the stature and authority of Parliament. Yours etc.

DOUGLAS NEEDHAM. Drumgray, Edrom, Duns, Berwickshire,

Public spending

From Mr Stewart Dakers

Sir, During the next five weeks millions of pounds will be squandered by the massive public sector of our economy in what has become an annual event. As a public employee, made impotent by the status of my job, industrial Band 8, I am appalled at the criminal expenses of constraints and apparent of constraints. nal waste of our nation's funds, and at the manner in which it occurs without any public or media comment

In February every year, every unit of every enterprise which is funded from government is advised of its current account. It is directed to spend any surplus or saving by the end of the budget year. It is reminded that failure to do so will result in the surplus being deducted from the next year's bud-get. It is emphasized that no money can be carried over to the following

The long term effect of such a system must seriously inhibit the flexible and constructive management of public enterprises. In the short term, it compounds this inhibition by demanding hasty decisions, made the more urgent by

the legendary but saddy unmythical administrative methods of the Civil Service; spending must be immediate if it is to surmount the bureaucratic obstacles in time for payment.

As a result millions of pounds of texpayers' money is profligated each year on trivia such as curtains, very on trivial such as currants, furniture, pots of paint, when it is needed for essentials like plant and equipment, laboratories and kidney machines.

There is no rationale to this; it does not derive from financial policy, nor is it related to economic needs and priorities. It is simply a dictate of a traditional system of public accountancy, devised and practised to make the life of that profession simpler and for the aesthetics of the balance sheet. Surely to God, or at least Mammon, the time has long come for the management of our economy to be released from the stranglehold of this anachronism. Yours faithfully, STEWART DAKERS,

Coombe House Cottage, Walcombe, Somerset. February 23.

Tied cottages

From Mr David Green Sir, Before the law changed on

January 1, there were many possession cases for tied cottages where the former farm worker in fact was quite happy to have a possession order made—since the possession order gave him an immediate charter to a council house. Since the Act came into force,

the main responsibility for rehousing still rests on the local housing authority; but possession proceedings cannot even be started until the lengthy process of the housing authority offering, and giving evidence of its offer, has taken place. It is already clear that months are now likely to elapse before a house required for a farm worker is likely to be vacant

This may not matter overmuch with arable farming. But it is a near disaster for the large dairy farmer whose cowman must be on hand, and whose need to replace an employee is immediate. It may not be apparent in Westminster, but cows will not wait to be milked for the three or four months that it now seems likely to take to find a house for the man who has to milk them.
Farmers with large dairy herds
who have already run into this problem are already considering abandoning milk production; if one adds to their number the many small farmers who are reaching the same decision because the Milk Marketing Eoard is abandoning Pembrokeshir churn collection, a crisis in milk February 26.

production could shortly begin to

develop.

The 1976 Act exemplifies the chaotic conditions to which Parliament has been reduced. Even though it was retroactive in effect, prints were not available from the Government printers until several days after it came into effect; when the published text became available. was found that amendments agreed between the Lords and Commons had not been incorporated, so that the legality of the whole Act is in question and an Amending Act is an immediate and urgent priority.

When the Act is amended the opportunity should be taken to re-trame its protection so that a basic right to possession is restored, but the tenant has the right to invoke the protective provisions if he wishes. This will permit immediate possession proceedings and an early possession order by tacit consent of the former farm worker where that course is acceptable. It will of course mean the same administrative inconvenience as existed for housing authorities before the Act; but that is surely appropriate balanced against the farmer's urgent need for accommodation for a replacement worker where the former worker also consents. Yours faithfully. DAVID GREEN. Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest,

Pembrokeshire.

EEC disposal of any discussion of the pros and dairy surpluses

From Mr Raymond Crotty
Sir, The EEC's subsidized butter
sales to the USSR highlights
the manner in which consumers are being forced to subsidized large, wealthy milk producers. High EEC milk prices have prevented a reduc-tion in milch cow numbers in response to a declining demand for dairy products in developed countries. Resources, as a result, are being used wastefully to produce unwanted milk. Farmers in other developed countries, where prices reflect more closely consumers' needs, are rapidly moving our of dairving and using their resources to produce what consumers need. This is especially true of the United States where milch cow numbers are half what they were 25 years

ago. Subsidized sales of butter to the USSR are only the most obvious part of the scandal of EEC disposals of mountains of surplus butter and skim-milk powder. Much the most important outlet for these surpluses is as food aid to India, under which guise the surpluses are valued as part of the EEC's aid to developing countries. The butter and skim-milk countries. The butter and skim-milk powder are reconstituted into milk and sold at a high price to India's urban wealthy. The proceeds of these sales are in turn used to subsidize the price paid to Indian farmers for milk for sale again to the urban wealthy. The resulting high producer price induces Indian farmers, aspecially the larger ones

farmers, especially the larger ones, to divert land from producing grain for the masses to producing high cost milk for the urban wealthy.

The EEC's dairy policy thus not only causes dairy products to be needlessly expensive for consumers in member countries; it also makes grain scarcer and more expensive. grain scarcer and more expensive for India's poor. Its principal beneficiaries are larger economically inefficient farmers in the EEC and India's urban wealthy. Yours faithfully.

RAYMOND CROTTY. 9 Park Crescent Road. Brighton,

Tories and pay policy

From Mr Cyril Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative) Sir, With the benefit of hindsight it can be seen that the last Conservative Government placed too much emphasis on an incomes policy to control inflation. If Sir Keith Joseph's ideas gain ground the next Conservative Government is likely to place too much emphasis on

monetary restraint. Surely the only wisdom for all political parties is to be prepared to use each and every weapon in the armoury?
It would be ridiculous for the

Conservative Party to once again deny it would ever resort to a statutory incomes policy after the experience of the past ten years, and at a time when Britain's inflation rate is again soaring above the rates of our major international competitors. Yours faithfully,

CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, House of Commons.

Cost of rail travel

From the Director of the British Road Federation Sir, Peter Parker, chairman of British Rellways Board (Letters, February 17) puts forward the old idea that if the present level of subsidy to rail is not continued, there will have to be large fare rises

for London commuters.

It was of course Sir Richard Mersh who warned at the time of rail's response to the transport document that 60,000 commuters a day would be driven off the railways by increased fares. This is complete noncense Berween 1970 and 1974 the average fare on BR fell in real terms. But rail passengers travelling in to London actually showed a ten per cent drop—a decline of some 45,000 a day. During this time, the number of people travelling into the centre by road, by car and by bus, also declined.

also declined.

It may be the case that increasing rail fares will influence the rate at which passenger numbers decline but there is really no clear evidence. for this, and even less evidence that additional strains would be placed

on the road.

Obviously the cost of rail travel is high and moving the price nearer to the cost is not popular but, in any consideration of the subject of subsidies, the proportion of rail use nationally should be put into per-

Analysis of the National Travel Survey shows that in the country as whole, 88 per cent of the population never 20 on a train and even in London 59 per cent never use British Rail or London Transport rail services. A mere five per cent of passenger journeys in Greater London are by BR and only three per cent in the rest of the South

Looking at subsidies from the point of view of those who provide them rather than those who receive them, we find that in the national context-where hardly anvone travels by rail but everyone paveeach bousehold is contributing through ravation on average £35 this vear to British Rail. Yours faithfully.

R. H. PHILLIPSON. British Road Federation Ltd. 26 Manchester Square, W1.

Rockall

From Brigadier R. A. Gardiner Sir, You have published details of a number of the historic landings on Rockall Your readers may be interested in what I believe to be the most recent landing made from the sea. During the summer of 1975, Mr J. R. W. Dick sailed to the island from Donegal, with three companions, in the yacht Verve. William Dick swam alone to Rockall and climbed to the summit. Another member of the crew, Michael d'Alton, made what is believed to be the first successful landing on the tiny Hasselwood Rock, nearby. Yours faithfully, , R. A. GARDINER, Keeper of the Map Room. Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, SW7.

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KATE BUTCHER, KEITH RADLEY, 38 Gloucester Drive, N4.

Sir, As a country parson I am confused. Some time ago we were chided in your columns for not using sheep to keep the churchyard grass tidy. Now Miss Ledeboer (February 25) would have us all plant yew trees. In my considerable experience of country churchyards I have known only one where sheep might safely graze: it was the only one free from deadly yew trees. Dead ewes among the yews would add neither to the architectural beauty

There are many reasons put forward for the presence of these noxious trees, some of them highly sentimental, but they were really planted to thwart the person of his grazing rights. It will be a very long time before they all die off, let us plant no more of them. There are so many more benign trees to Yours faithfully, JOHN FEATHERSTONE.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 1: His Excellency Mr
Abdur-Rahman Pazhwak was received in audience today by
Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother and The Princess Anne,
Mrs Mark Phillips, Counsellors of
State acting on behalf of The
Queen, and presented the Letters
of Recalt of his predecessor and
his own Letters of Credence as
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary from the Republic
of Afghanistan to the Court of
St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness: Mr Yusuf Samad (First Secretary), Mr Hamed H. Hosseini (Second Secretary) and Mr Abdni Gafar Osman (Attaché).

(Attaché).

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Walting were in attendance. attendance.

Birthdays today

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Baroness Burton of Coventry,
73; Lord Cottesloe, 77;
Lord Crook, 76; Sir Leonard
Crossland, 63; Instructor RearAdmiral Sir Charles Darlington,
67; Lieutenant-General Sir John
Eldridge, 73; Sir Cyrll Haines,
82; Cardinal Hume, 54; Professor
Sir Anthony Lewis, 52; Air
Marshal Sir Philip Livingston, 84;
Mr Edward Martell, 68; Dame
Pattie Menzies, 78; Sir Anthony
Milward, 72; Lord Thomas, 80.

Half-yearly promotions The following promotions to lieutenant-commander on the Supplementary List of the Royal Navy have been made to date March 1: Granger-Heicombe, Frame, M. J. W. Granger-Heicombe, W. B. Kirby, N. J. Trefusis, G. Bligh, J. M. Dixon, C. E. Rose, T. H. Scott, H. Mayos,

University news Belfest

K. Brown, MA (Aberd), has been appointed to the chair of appointed psychology. Dr D. W. Gooding, MA PhD (Cantab), has been appointed to a personal chair in Old Testament Greak.

Other appointments Lecturships: Library and information atudies, P. R. Craddock: geography, J. D. Orford, SA (Keeler, MSc (Sal-Grants

£30.000 over five years from British Diabetic Association to department of medicine for research under Professor K. D. Buchanan. K. D. Buchanan.

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Research Council in department of
bjochemistry for research into measure
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rotation to the onset of persistent inrections, under DF & J. Martis.

Church news

Monk is appointed

Father Peter Ball, an Anglican monk, has been nominated as Bishop Suffragan of Lewes, in the diocese of Chichester. It was

announced yesteroay. Fatner Sell,
Prior of the Community of the
Glorious Ascension, which he
founded with his twin brother in
1960, succeeds the Right Rev Lloyd
Morrell, who retires later this year.
Father Ball is only the third
member of an Anglican religious
order to be announced a hithur

member of an Angican raigious corder to be appointed a bishop, the others being Dr Trevor Huddleston and Dr Walter Frere, former Bishop of Truro. Both were members of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirtield.

Other appointments:

The Rev G. Armstrone, Rector of Birch with Layer Breton, held with Layer Breton, held with Layer Marney, dio so honorary canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

theoral.
The Rev J. de B. Bateman, Vicar
Tho Rev J. de B. Bateman, Vicar
Hornsea with Atwick, diocese of
Mr. to be non-residentiary canon

York, to se non-residentary emony for, The Rey N. Boll, curate of Christ hurth, Chadderion, diocese of Man-ester, to be curate-in-charge of St ike's, Bricket Wood, diocese of St bans.

as a Rev M. W. Alshap, Vicar of e. diocase of Wakefield, to be in-in-charge of Graveley with Yell-and Papworth St Agnes, diocase of Rev B. L. Brandle, curit of Cary's, Pertaes, diocase of Portae h, to be Team Rector of The rectum, Brighton, diocase of sester.

Bishop of Lewes

March 1: The Lady Katharine Seymour has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE March 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Presi-dent, this evening attended the Dockland Settlements' Annual Dinner at Plaisterers' Hall. The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance

KENSINGTON PALACE March 1: The Duke of Gloucester today opened the "British Growers Look Ahead" National Conference and Exhibition organized by the National Farmers' Union at Harrogate.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

attendance.

His Excellency Señor Dr Carlos
Pérez de la Cova and Señora de
Pérez de la Cova were received in
audience by Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Moiher and The Princess
Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of

Today's engagements

Mr Tore Lokoloko has been appointed GCMG on his appoint-ment as Governor-General of Papua New Guinea.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on behalf of the Queen, holds investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; later attends reception given by 600 Squadron Association, Butchers' Hall, 6.30.

log on behalf of The Queen, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and upon assuming his appointments as First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, and First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to The Queen.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Sir Oliver Millar, this morning viewed the Zoffany Exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery. His Royal Highness this aftermoon visited the Ducky of Cornwall Offices, 10 Buckingham Gate.

CLARENCE HOUSE

Exhibition: J. R. R. Tolkien, including manuscripts and original illustrations, National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, 10-6.

National Gallery exhibition : " Pictures from eighteenth-century Venice", Wolverhampton Central Art Gallery, 10-6.

Lunchtime talk: "The value of being British", by Canon David Edwards, St. James's Church, Piccadilly, 1.15-1.45. Organ recital: Stephen Cleobury,

Westminster Abbey, 6.30-7.15.

E30,000 from the Northern Ireland Mulliple Sciences & sciety to department of pathology to assist with research under Dr inprid V. Allen and for renovation and equipment of a laboratory. It is known as the bindiple Sciences Laboratory.

213,000 from Science Research Council to despriment of chaptery regarders and discount research or estable States and discount research complexes under Professor R. Grigs.

Abenteen The following honorary degrees will be conferred in July : Will be Conferred in July:

BD: Professor Holps Schalmann, professor of New Tostament Exogesis.

Homan Catholic Seminary, Erfort.

LLD: Dr W. S. Foldbarg, FRS, base
of the laboratory of neuropharmscology, National Institute for Medical
Rosserth, London: Bir Cyril Lucas,
director of fisheries research, Scotland;
Jean C. Milligan, founder, Rayal Scottish Gountry Dance Society: Sir Robin
Phillipson, Read of school of drawing
and painting, College of Art, EdioBurgh. Disc: Sir John Cornforth, Joint Nobel

The Queen, and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Venezuela to the Court of St James's. Admiral Sir Tereace Lewin had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Counsellors of State, acting on behalf of The Queen, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, Navel Home £25,000 for Lewis watercolour

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A brilliantly coloured J. F.
Lewis watercolour entitled
"Lilium stratum" brought an
auction record price for the artist
at Christle's yesterday when it
fetched 525,000 (estimate £8,000
m £12.000). to £12,000).
The 1896 Guildhall catalogue describes it as "an odalisque and her attendant in the garden of

ber attendant in the garden of the barem". The girls are richly dressed and carry lilles and other flowers, and the garden is a riot of blossom. The catalogue says: "K is a gorgeous production and remarkable for minute finish throughout."

The Middle Eastern interest of the scene was clearly an important factor. It was bought by El Zenny, a dealer formerly of Beirut but now based in London. The underbidder was Roy Miles. of Duke Street.

Duke Street.

The other high price of the sale resulted from similar geographic interest. It was a watercolour by Thomas Daniell, dated 1793, of Thomas Daniell, dated 1793, of "The Entrance to Muscar Harbour, Arabla", which was sold for £11,000 to an unnamed buyer. Christie's published estimate was £800 to £1,200 but they had raised it before the sale to £2,000 to £4,000.

The sale of English water-colours attracted strong interests.

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The sale of English water-colours attracted strong interests, totalling £126,705. It contained several interesting cases of reattribution. The Daniell bears a traditional attributation to Samuel Davis (1757-1819) a close friend of Daniell.

A Thomas Girtin watercolour of Melrose Abbey ", after his visit there in 1796, made £6,000 to Spink (estimate £6,000 to £10,000); it passed through Christie's in 1876 as by Turner, when it was sold for 130 guineas to Colnaghl. The two friends often worked in similar style at that period.

A view of "Barges in an estuary near Dunkirk", by Bonington, was sold for £2,500 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000); although it was tradifionally ascribed to Bonington, the drawing was reassigned to Louis Francia during the 1960s. Christie's have given it back to Bonington

Forthcoming

Mr P. A. C. Nevill and Miss A. J. Wharton

Mr J. K. U. Todd and Miss C. L. Mayell

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Patrick Alexander Colles, elder son of Mr. Gerald Nevill, MCb, FRCS, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Mrs Francis Holland, of Elm Court Cottage, Ringmer, Sussex, and Amanda Jane (Panda), only daughter of Mr. J. F. Wharton, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and of Mrs Charles Allix, and stepdaughter of Mr Charles Allix, of Bradbourne Farmhouse, Sevenouks, Kent.

The engagement is announced

between James Killingworth Utten, son of Mr and Mrs R. A. U. Todd, of Guildford, Surrey, and Clare Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. C. Mayell, of Sherborne,

B. Paul's Widnes, to be Team Vicer of St Martin's, Kirtby, or the Rey B. Whitshead, industrial chaplain, Wigan, also to be Vicar of St Elizabeth's, Aspul, Wigan. The Ray C. N. Wright, curse of St Andrey's, Wigan, to be Vicar of St John's, New Springs, Wigan.

of Birrelloril P. Mandows, Rector of St. Cunbert's. Miles Platting, to be Rural Dean of Artwick.

Diocese of Oxford

The Rev D. G. Everett, curete of St. John Evangeilst, Reading, to be Team Vicar in industry in the Fenny Strategy and Water Faton Team.

The Rev J. W. G. Whate, priest missioner of Britwell, Stough, to be prinsting-care of Brachet.

In-charge of Datchet.

Diocese of Portsmouth

The Rev D. Dunn, Team Vicar of
The Resurrection, Brighton, in charge
of \$5 Martin's, diocese of Chichester,
to be Vicar of the Holy Spirit, South-

Sea The Rev A. E. N. Ward. Rector of St Andrew's. Chale, iste of Wight, to be Rector of St John the Baptist. Nitco.

Diocese of Winchester

The How H. N. McChre. Rector of Wolvorton with Ewhurst and Handing-jon and Rural Dean of Basingstake. It be honorary cannon of Winchester Cathe-

marriages Mr R. N. Crispe and Mrs D. B. Boyle

Christie's also beld a sale of Japanese swords and fittings, which totalled £35.644 with 12 percent unsold. A very fine Katana blade dating from about 1612

The Rev A. R. Duce and Miss P. B. Mynors The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Duce, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Philippa, daughter of Sir Humpbrey and Lady Mynors, of Treago, St Weonards, Hereford. The engagement is announced between Robert Nicholas, elder son of the late Mr L. H. Crispe, of Shurlock Row, Berksidre, and of Mrs M. H. Crispe, and Diana Boyle, of 8 Lyndale Avenue, London, NW2, daughter of the late Engineer Captain A. Evelegh, RN. and the late Mrs M. B. Evelegh. Dr P. W. Burrowes and Miss Y. E. Trodd

with confirmation from Dr Marion Spencer, who dates it to 1325.

A group of watercolour sketches of Portugal by James Holland made unusually high prices for the artist, with "Estrelia Church, Lisbon" at £1,600 (estimate £500 to £600), "The monastery of Batalba" at £850 (estimate £400 to £500) and "The ruins of St Francisco, Lisbon" at £800 (estimate £600 to £700). They are free early drawings of outstanding quality.

The gilt-bronze censer sold at Sotheby's for £4,200.

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs W. L. Burrowes, of Corsham, Witshire, and Yvonne, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. C. Trodd, of Besleyheath, Kent.

Mr R. B. Eden-Green and Miss A. P. Wood and Miss A. r. wood
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Mr and
Mrs A. B. Eden-Green, of
Teddington, Middlesex, and Anne,
daughter of Lieutenaut-Commander and Mrs N. R. Wood, of
Holmwood, Surrey.

Mr A. Guilloton and Miss J. A. Kennett The engagement is announced between Alain Guilloton, of New York, and Judith Ann, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. W.

Kennett, of Shore House, Swanage, Mr P. G. Jeeves and Miss T. M. Dumbell The engagement is announced between Peter Gordon Jeeves, of Boarsland House. Lindfield,

Boarsland House. Lindfield, Sussex, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Dumbell, of Mockbeggars, Rudgwick, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. E. H. Campbell, of Ord House Cottage, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire, and Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. L. Beddington, of Cwm Farm, Dorstone, Herefordshire.

made 56,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500).

At Sotheby's a sale of Chinese

Air P. D. M. Hardy and Miss S. L. Holman

The engagement is announced between Peter Duncan Murray, son of Mrs Mamie Lewis, of Badger's Croft, Trencrom, Hayle, Cornwall, and Sally Linden, daughter of the late Mr Jim Holman and of Mrs Holman, of Loraine, St Ives, Cornwall,

Mr R. McKean and Miss M. M. Doggett

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas McKean, of The Dower House, Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, and Margaret Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Doggett, of Foxtons Farm, Ugley Green, Essex.

Mr J. R. A. Nisbet and Miss P. W. C. Carvell The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr J. V. Nisbet and of Mrs Nisbet, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Particla, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. R. Carvell, of Shipley, Yorkshire.

Memorial service Mr P. Gooding

An emorial service for Mr Philip Gooding was held yesterday at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, SWI. The Rev Desmond Tillyer officiated. The lesson was read by the Hon Leo Russell (chairman of the Cement and Concrete Association), and Professor A. J. Harris gave an address. Among those present were:

those present were:

Mrs Gooding (widow): Mr David Gooding (son). Miss Goorying Gooding of the Control of Control o J.K.: Mr. John Wettern (president, British Precast, Corecrve Foderation). Dr. A. R. Collins (director, Construction Lotters Precast, Construction Lotters President). Dr. A. R. Collins (director, Construction Lotters President). Mr. Kenneth Construction Lotter Association). Mr. Kenneth Conneil (deputy director, Eritish Ready-Mixed Concrete Association). Professor Peter Morice. Mr. B. E. Co. Gwys, Mr. F. Welley, Mr. F. Kenneth Conneil (deputy director, Eritish Road Federation). Professor Peter Morice. Mr. E. E. Conneil Control Construction of Constructio

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Feb 29, 1952

At Sotheby's a sale of Chinese portelain and works of art made £150,765, with 9 per cent unsold. The jades went exceptionally well, with a large jadette koro and cover at £5,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) and another large jadetic koro and cover of archaic ting form at £3,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

A rare (9\ inches). richly inlaid gilt-bronze censer and cover in the form of a Buddhistic iton went to Spink at £4,200 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000), and a pair of (21\) inches) cloisonné enamel Buddhistic lions reached £7,000 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000). French crisis

From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 28.—The Assembly, working at breakneck speed, ran through the 180 odd clauses of the Finance Bill yesterday in order to give the Prime Minister the opportunity of tabling before midnight 19 motions of confidence on clauses he regarded as essential and one motion of confidence on the whole Bill. The 20 motions of confidence—the record was prethe whole Bill. The 20 motions of confidence—the record was previously held by M Bidault with 13—are mainly concerned with the proposed tax increases of 15 percent, the reorganization of the railways, the increase in contributions by employers to the social security services, and defence expenditure.

M Faure's government was defeated on the principal clause of his 1952 Budget Bill—that to increase most taxes by 15 per cent. Voting was 309 against the government and 283 for.

Missionaries' requiem

The Apostolic Delegate to Britain, Archbishop Heim, will conduct a requiem Mass at the Sacred Heart parish church, Wimbledon, tonight for the seven Roman Catbolic missionaries who were killed in Rhodesia last month. The sermon will be given by Father Michael Hannon, a former head of the Musami mission, where they were killed.

dendiy leddar), Mr Julian Jeffs, OC (frashurer), Mr James Hunt ()unior) and Mas Elisabeth Fisher (assistant france)

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held a council dinner at 1 Lambern High Street last night. The president, Mr J. P.

Lord Houghton of Sowerby, Dr Gorard Vaughan, NP, Mr Laurie Pavilt, MP, Mr Henry Sames, Professor 3. Davis, Dr W, S. Apple, Mr Michael Chang, Mr Tony Thistiethwalte and Mrs Adrience da Mont.

Royal: Institution of Chartered

The annual dimer of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at Grosvenor House last night. The president, Mr C. P., Frankin, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Mr Justice Willis, the Bishop of Southwark and Sir Oliver Chestarton. The guests included:

The Egyptian Amazinder, the Den Righ Commissioner for Chann. Viscon Amory, the Lord Mayor of Westonist the Vice-Chalmen of the Greater Le den Council, and the Chalman of i Stock Enchange.

Sir Paul Reilly, Director of the Design Council, and Viscount Caldecore, chairman, were joint hosts at a reception held at the Design Centre, Haymarket, yesterday evening for the opening by Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, of an exhibition called "Quality by Design".

Bannerman, presided and Richard Marsh also spoke. I present included:

Pharmaceutical Society of

Great Britain

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OBITUARY

MR JOHN DICKSON CARR American detective novelist

Mr John Dickson Carr, who has died at the age of 70, was one of the most technically ingenities of all modern detective story writers. His speciality was the "sealed room murder", the apparently impossible trime for which he finally produced a logical explanation; and his style was rich in endoes of Poe and Chesterton.

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apparently impossible trime for which he finally produced a logical explanation; and his style was rich in echoes of Poe and Chesterton.

He was born at Uniontowa, Pennsylvannia, in 1906. His father, Wooda Nicholas Carr, was postmaster of Uniontown and, between 1913 and 1915, a member of Congress. Sherlock Holmes and D'Arragnan were young John Carr's first literary heroes: by the time he was 14, he was writing about sport and murder trials for a local newspaper. His academic career was more varied than successful. He spoke with affection of the Hill School as "the only institction of learning." only institution of learning from which I was not fired. He should have followed his family tradition and studied law at the University of Pennsyl-vania, but his taste ran to news-paper work and a more colour-ful attitude towards crime.

paper work and a more coloure ful attitude towards crime.

He went to Paris, ostensibly to study—"Pve always been strictly a Right Bank man.", he said—and hegan more systematic writing. His first detective novel, It Walks By Night (1930), was an immediate and deserved success. It was set in Paris and had, for hero, a French police chief called Bencolin. Carr continued with Bencolin for a few books but in Hag's Nook (1933) he changed to a very English detective, Dr Gideon Fell, who was frankly modelled, both in appearance and in superficial mannerisms, on G. K. Chesterton.

In 1935 writing, though with no attempt at concealment, as Carter Dickson, he added a new series about Sir Henry Merrivale, an irascible chief of Intelligence at the War Office. The books about Dr Fell and the books about "H. M." were almost indistinguishable, except that "H. M." provided more excuse for the knockabout farce with which Carr liked to lighten his macabre tales. His in the terms of a modern fait farce with which Carr liked to expectations. His books show lighten his macabre tales. His in the terms of a modern fair tricks of style were discernible tale, what he wanted to be.

highest. In 1931 Carr married Clari In 1931 Carr married Claric Cleaves of Bristol, and he may his home in England from the until 1948. They had three chydren. Their house was twidemolished by bombs during twar. Carr did a lot of work for the BBC at that period, uotable a series of plays called Appoinment With Few.

He wrote two non-fictions and the control of the contr

ment With Fear.

He wrote two non-fictive books, The Murder of Sir Emund Godfrey (1936) and excellent Life of Sir Arth Conan Doyle (1949). He was member of the Detection Claim Britain and, at one time president of the Mystei Writers of America; and I hotly defended the cause traditional detection in a publidispute with Raymond Chamiler.

ler.

The 1950s brought a sad d cline in his powers; at the period he wrote one or two e treedingly bad books. He four a new formula to stimulate his however. In The Bride of Netherland (ORE) he had not one gate (1950) he had put one his favourite impossit gate (1950) he had put one in favourite "impossit crimes" into period costum Its successors were not all good, but his trilogy on t development of Scotland Yai Fire, Burn I (1957), Scandal High Chimneys (1959) and T Witch of the Low Tide (194 were entertaining as stories a packed, if rather blatantly, winteresting historical det More recent books included T Black Spectacles (1969) and T Ghost's High Noon (1970).

SIR ALUN ROWLANDS

Sir Alun Rowlands, KBE, MD,

Sir Alun Rowlands, KBE, MD, FRCP, for many years consulting physician to the London Hospital, to Dr Barnardo's Homes and to the Royal Navy, died yesterday at the age of 91.

Richard Alun Rowlands, born on September 12, 1885, in Bryngwran Valley, Anglesey, never lost the warmth of heart nor the manner of speech of his native island. After taking a degree in science in the University of Wales, he came to London in 1906 and studied medicine at the London Hospital Medical College. Immediately after qualification in 1911 he forsook the usual course of training of a young physician of training of a young physician to become assistant to the then to become assistant to the then newly appointed Lecturer in Cardiac Research in the London Hospital Medical College—Dr (later Sir James) Mackenzie. In 1914 he returned to general medicine, took the MD (London) in 1916 and was elected FRCP (London) in 1924. He was appointed to the careful of the appointed to the staff of the London Hospital in 1920. In 1946 he was made an honorary Rowlands was in every way a general physician, distinguished particularly for his kindness, his thoroughness and his detailed

clinical notes, all written in h own fine hand. It was a gre sorrow to him that his person. records were lost when a bon; fall on his bouse in the Secon fell on his bouse in the Secon World War. Thoroughness we also the keynote of his clinical teaching. Many students have christened their teacher. Daddy their tone with more affection than that which generations of London students showed for Alun Row, lands. He had a large practice and was much loved too by his patients, both hospital and private.

A civilian in the First World War and a confirmed landsman.
Rowlands surprised some of
even his close acquaintances by
blossoming. unexpectedly in
1939 as a Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Consultant Physician to the and Consultant Physician to the Royal Navy. He served in this capacity throughout the war, becoming CBE in 1944 and KBE in 1946, when he returned to civilian life. He retired from the active staff of the London Hospital in 1951; but continued to live and to practice in Harley Street. He married, in 1962, Mrs

MR FRED TAYLOR On one occasion he jumped

- Lucienne Delva, widow of Dr

Mr Fred Taylor, who joined the London Bureau of Tass in

1921, has died at the age of 86. He was a colourful Fleet Street racter of the inter-war years. In those early years of the Bolshevik revolution the agency was known as the Russian News Agency (Rosta) and only changed its name to the present Tralegraph Agency of the Soviet Union (Tass) several years later. The Marxist historian and journalist Andrew Rothstein was in charge of the bureau but a reliable second in command was required because of Rothstein's frequent trips abroad. Taylor was recommended to the Soviet authorities as a "reliable lournalist" by the Labour Party leader. George Lansbury. Taylor in fact was not a journalist at all but a merchant

seaman. He was reared in the dockside area of London and although he had little formal education he developed a love

of literature and poetry and as a seaman he contributed articles to the radical journals in the United States and Australia. SIR IAN YEAMAN

Sir Ian Yeaman, President of the Law Society in 1957-58, died on February 28 at the age of 87. Ian David Yeaman was born in 1889 and educated at Dean Close School, Cheltenham. He was admitted a solicitor in 1911 and enlisted in the Gloucester Regiment TA, in September, 1914. He was in September, 1914. He was-commissioned in the Royal Field Artillery in the following year and served in France from 1916 to 1918 where he was

year and save a reach the was wounded.

After the war he became a parmer in the firm of Rickerbys of Cheltenham and was a member of the Council of the Law Society from 1936 to 1964, being the Society's vice-president in 1956-57. He was a member of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Land Registration in 1942 and president of the Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Law Society in 1952. He became an honorary member of the American Bar Association in 1957. He was knighted in 1958.

He married in 1925, Anne Doris Wood. They had two sons. His wife died in 1975.

Ba Haung, the Burmese Am-

Ba Haung, the Burmese Am-bassador to Czechoslovakia since September 1975, died in Prague

on February 28.
Giovanni Rocchi, the Italian Ambassador to Colombia, died in Bogota on February 28. He was 61.

ship in New York and "bummed" his way across the country. During the course of his travels he made the acquaintance of the American writer, Jack London, and the revolu-tionary Swede who became known as Joe Hill, a name now immortalized in working class, song. He also joined the International Workers of the World, familiarly known as the Worlds working the Worlds.

came closely acquainted with the numerous Labour members the numerous Labour members of Parliament, trade unionists and members of the Fabian Society (among them George Bernard Shaw) who supported the Bolshevik cause. He developed into a fine journalist and frequently covered single-handed the main events of Anglo-Soviet history in the turbulent years between 1921 and 1946, when he retired. He is survived by his widow, Connie Lansbury, and their only Connie Lansbury, and their only child.

Back in London, Taylor be-

LIZA FUCHSOVA Liza Fuchsova, the Czech born pianist, died on February

27, in London, at the age of 63. She had lived in this country for many years. Born on March 31, 1913, at Bruo, she studied at the Conservatory there, then at Prague, where she made her debut before the war with the Czech Philharmonic. After coming to Britain, she frequently appeared on the country the PR frequently appeared on the con-cert platform and for the BBC, being much in, demand for her authentic performances of Smetana and Dvorak whose chamber music she recorded. Indeed she excelled as a member of an ensemble, paying attention to the demands of the group while not losing her individual identity, and for some years was planist in the Dumka Trio, with whom she travelled at home and abroad. In later years, she was also a sympathetic teacher.

Eddie Anderson, the gravelvoiced black actor who played
Jack Benny's comic servant
"Rochester" on radio and relevision for more than two
decades, died in Hollywood on
February 28. He was 71. He
began his acting career in an
all-black revue at the age of 14,
became a solo song-and-dance
man, and appeared in insmerpois
films, including Gone With The
Wind and Green Pastures.

Archaeology report

Father Peter Ball, the Anglican monk who is to be the

Perismouth to be Rector of Raydon Holis St Mary and Great Wenham. dloces of St Edmandshury and Ipswin. The Rev R. G. Young, chaplain to the deaf, dlocese of Winchester and Portsmouth, to be honorary canon of kinchester Cathedral.

Diocese of Chester

The Rev A. Gibson, curate of Sale.

The Rev A. Gibson cursts of Sale to be Vicar of St Michael and All Angels. Rumcorn.
The Rev P. Roberts. cursts of St George's. Sicchpert. to be Vicar of

new Bishop of Lewes.

Ireland: Neolithic dates

tery of "western neolithic" type, mainly plain bowls, worked that and the butt of an imported stone axc.

The disches cut across a rectangular enclosure, about 13 metres square, which Dr Eogan thinks may be a house, although the root span whithout any apparent internal posts is rather large. Post-holes have been found only in the deeper houses was then constructed over

Recent radiocarbon dates from the great prehistoric burial mound of Knowth, in the Boyne radiocarbon date of 2000 BC. The caller of the Republic of Ireland, about thirty miles north of Dublin, have produced two apparently conflicting estimates; that it was built about 2850 BC. The carlier date is also associated with what appears to be a neolithic house uncovered in excavation this summer.

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The Rev B. Roberts. cursis of St. George's. Stockport. to be Vicar of Bickerion.

The Rev W. S. Walker, Rector of Bromborough. to be Ractor and Rural Doan of Wallssey.

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The Rev G. G. Gibson, Team Vicar of Cramlington. diocese of Newcastle, to be Vicar of St. Clarge's. Newton of Winchester Cathenance of Cramlington. diocese of Newcastle, to be Vicar of St. Clarge's. Newton Ayrilffe.

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Chief of Air Staff

Latest appointments



Air Marshal Sir Michael Beetham is to be Chief of the Air Staff from August 1 in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Cameron, who has been appointed Chief of the Defence Staff. Other appointments include:

Mr A. J. D. Stirling to be Ambas-sador to the Republic of Iraq in succession to Mr J. A. N. Graham, who will be taking up a further appointment in the Diplomatic

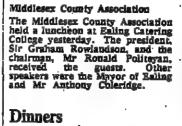
Mr Simon Kingwell to be fishfarming consultant of the White Fish Anthority.

Mr Grant Nightingale to be sac-retary of the Institute of Patentees and Inventors on the retirement of Mr Leonard Cotterell, who is appointed adviser to the council. Professor E. T. Hall to be a trus-tee of the National Gallery in suc-cession to Dame Veronica Wedg-wood, OM, whose term of office has expired.

Mr A. D. M. Oulton to be Deputy Clerk of the Crown in succession to Mr J. W. Bourne, now Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor. Mr J. A. Bergin to be a deputy secretary in the Lord Chancellor's

Department.

Luncheon



Inter-Parliamentary Union

Sir Thomas Williams, QC. MP, president of the inter-parliamentary council and chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner yesterday at the Athemaeum Hotel in bonour of a parliamentary delegation from Senegal led by M Ibrahima Tall. Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar

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The Midiand and Oxford Circuit
Bar Mess held a dinner on Friday
evening, February 25, at Gray's
Inn, to honour the appointments
of two of its former members,
Mr Justice Slynn and Mr Justice
Bush, to the Bench. The leader,
Mr Philip Cox, QC, presided.
Among the 144 members and exmembers present were:
Lord Simes of Glaisdale, Mrs Justice
Lane, Mr Justice Casack, Mr Justice
Faculty, Mr Justice Slynn, Mr Justice
Faculty, Mr Justice Slynn, Mr Justice
Faculty, Mr Justice Slynn, Mr Justice
Bush, Str Walker Kelly Carrier, Judge
Slabb, Judge Sundarland, Judge Bliss,
Judge Hron, Judge Ross, Judge Lymbory, Judge Glibbens, Judge Sidnner,
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Latest wills

Mrs Wally Stein, of Twickenham, left £78,530. After personal bequests she left the residue equally among the National Society for Cancer Relief, Age Concern, the National Corporation for the Care of Old People and Oxfam. and Oxiam.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Fitzwilliams, Mrs Mary, of Hampstead, widow of Mr Bernard Sunley, the property developer

widow of Sir Terence Langrishe Mackintosh, Mrs Brenda Christ of Halifax Mackintosh, Mrs Brenda Christine, of Halifax ... \$484,233 Monk, Mr Sydney, of Bishop Auckland, company director ... \$212,565 Morris, Mr Alfred, of St John's Wood, London, company director ... \$29,114 Saunders, Mr Leonard Harry, of Faringdon, investate ... £135,703 Sheard, Mr Reginald Arthur, of Heckmondwike ... £105,136 Yenn, Mr Tom, of Coventry £210,746

Langrishe, Lady, of Wentworth, Science report

While the question of evidence for life on Mars continues to be debated among scientists, one result from the Viking mission seems unambiguous. that there are Marsquakes. That was reported by Dr Donolid Anderson, of the seismological laboratory of the California institute of Technology, at the annual meeting in Denver, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The surface of Mars is covered

Science.

The surface of Mars is covered in rugged, large-scale features that observers believe may be two to three billion years old. Gigantic fractures immediately make the geologists think of the boundaries between plates on Earth, so the placing of seismometers on Mars to check whether those fractures are still active was an obvious aim of the Viking mission. The first instrument failed to operate but the second functioned

normally from the time of its landing last September and indeed continues to accumulate data and transmit them to Earth. Strong winds of several meters a second during the Martian daytime affect the seismometer and make it more suitable as a time affect the seismometer and make it more suitable as a meteorological instrument, but when the disturbances quieten down in the evening it is found that the background noise level on Mars is as low as it is at the best seismic observatories on Earth.

Mars: First quake is recorded

best sorsing topic transfer of the factor of the factor of the globe each day; the Mars station has as yet picked up only one quake. Or Anderson reported that the character of the Marsquake record was close to that of an earthquake record for an event about 100 Km from the station. Of particular interest was the relative simplificity of the recording. Seismolo-

gists who looked at the records of Moonquakes several years ago were surprised at the long trains of vibrations, which could go on for an hour after a Moonquake. The long persistence indicated that Moon rocks absorbed sound waves very little. The first data from Mars strongly suggest that Mars rocks are closer to Earth rocks in having higher sound wave absorption.

Further deduction can be made

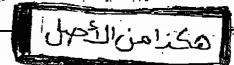
Further deduction can be made from the one record obtained so far, most notably that Mars probably has a crust overlying a mantle and that the crust thickness is of the order of 15 km, smillar to the thickness of the Earth's crust. As to the cause of the Marsonake that eth pamains the Marsquake, that still remains to the realm of speculation. By Nature-Times News Service. (c) Nature-Times News Service 1977

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The background against which the reflationary demands are being made on Germany s a set of forecasts from the OECD secretarist which prodicts that by the end of this year Western Europe may be moving back into recession.

This is made particularly mportant by the fact that only Germany, Japan and the United States have sufficient financial strength to take risks with their current account balance of

The Germans clearly reject the forecast and much of the analysis underlying the OECD view. They expect growth in real terms of around 11 per cent in the next two years—far more than the OECD predicts.

They feel they accominate They feel that pessimistic forecasts are being used as a wespon to try to force them into reflationary action which is against their own interests and those of the rest of the world.

This difference of view is much deeper than a simple one of forecasting. During today's meeting the German delegate, Dr Tietmeyer, is believed to have told his fellow delegates that Kennetina meetings are simple. that Keynesian measures aimed at fine tuning and boosting the sconomy would no longer work. He argued that because people's belief in the stability people's benef in the stabling of money has been destroyed, traditional pump-priming methods of raising government deficit are no longer effective.

The Germans also pointed out that they already have a very hefty public sector deficit, far larger than that of the larger than that of the

United States in proportion to Their view is that so long as they can hold off pressures both from outside and inside their country, the issue will fade away later this year as growth in Germany really egins to show itself. Since the German economy sucks in a large quantity of imports when it grows, this would also benefit smaller countries whose payments problems are becoming more

The Germans also believe that it is for the weak countries to carry out the necessary adjustment in the world s. moving back into recession. economic system. They were Since the Germany economy; joined in this today by the state of central importance within Japanesa, who argued that it is a savoiding this is for Germany to making everybody equally weak this control of the control of is the same week, and the first see in a countries equally strong

Ministers study CBI plans for industrial democracy

Ministers last night spent 90 inutes with employers ninutes with employers eaders examining ideas put forward by the Confederation of British Industry for Industrial

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of State for Trace, pressed the BI delegation, which was led by the confederation's directorceneral, Mr John Methyen, for ideas on how the proposals night be embodied in legisla.

The question of the CBPs

posals on participation might be put forward. The talks are taking place

Dr James Schlesinger heads new body which merges more than 20 government agencies

Mr Carter sets up \$10,000m energy team

President Carter today pro-posed the establishment of a 20 to 25 cents a gallon increase Department of Energy that will in the Federal petrol tax, have a \$10,000m (nearly President Carter today pro-

The proposal represents one The proposal represents one of the largest government reorganization plans seen here in many years. The head of the new department, who will have a seat in the Cabinet, will be Dr James Schlesinger, the President's special assistant for energy affairs and the former Secretary of Defence.

The Carter Administration intends to announce a detailed and comprehensive set of energy policies by April 20.

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Much easier conditions in the

London money markets yester-day, as the end-of-the-month payments worked their way through the banking system, set

money dealers and the discount

houses specularing about the possibility that minimum lend-

ing rate will be brought back into line with the market on

Friday, after four weeks in

which it has been held arbi-trarily at 12 per cent by the Bank of England.

Thanks to the increased avail-

ability of funds, dealers were, at any rate, reasonably confident that there would be no attempt by the Bank of England to restrain the fall in interest.

rates this week by once again

obliging the discount houses to

borrow for seven days at mini-

num lending rate—which with overnight money now three points lower than it was when the Bank suspended the mini-

mum lending rate formula at the beginning of February, is

Speculation that the down-ward trend of interest rates

will be controlled less rigor

ously than hitherto was given further impetus by the expecta-

tion that the figures for the

reserves, which are due to be published today, will show that

there was respectable growth.

The argument is that the relative strength of the reserves

to allow the pound (which closed marginally lower against

the doller last night at \$1.7135)

to float freely, or interest rates

now a considerable penalty.

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tion of the department " is long overdue. . . This department will make it possible quickly to evolve an energy policy."

The department would comprise many of the energy agencies that now exist and "whose missions overlap and sometimes conflict".

Congressional reaction today's announcement largely positive and, while it may take some time before the

Beecham Group is paying £48m in cash for the Calgon

consumer products business of the Merck group in the United States. This is the largest take-over bid by the British phar-maceuticals and consumer pro-

ducts company since its ill-fated £38.5m offer for Glazo in

1972. Beecham is to provide \$23.8m of the \$82m purchase price and the balance will be

deferred for up to two years

bearing interest at a normal commercial rate of around 8

Calgon's net assets, compris-

ing two factories and stock, have a book value of \$35m and the goodwill element of \$47m

compares with the total consideration of \$53m which Bee-

cham paid for pharmaceuticals

and feminine products manu-facturer, Massengill, in 1971.

Defending the price paid for Calgon, Mr G. J. Wilkins, Bea-

cham chairman, said yesterday that "successful, soundly-based United States businesses can-

not be bought cheaply". He said that Calgon had attracted

marked interest from other potential buyers in the United

By Ray Maughan

per cent.

Hopes rising | Beecham Group paying £48m for

new department, the creation of the department seems certain. The plan today does not go quite as far as had been expected, because the new department will not be given powers

regulatory commission. The department will merge the Federal Energy Administra-tion, the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Federal Power Commission and the energy divisions of some 20 other government agencies. In addition, the new department will take over the energy responsibilities now shouldered by the Departments

interest charges", likely to amount to about \$5m this year,

and he forecast a "signifi-

Calgon slumped last year from a profit of \$8,900,000 to a loss of \$400,000 as a result of

exceptionally heavy promo

exceptionally fleavy promo-tional expenditure which added a further \$10m to the normal \$35m promotional bill. Beecham is happy, nonetheless, that Calgon is "very healthy". Until this acquisition, Mr Wilkins said, Beecham's pre-sence in the United States has been "profitable but it lacked

been "profitable but it lacked the required size and, there-

fore, marketing strength. He was convinced that Calgon through its brand leadership in

Sucrets throat loxenges and Calgon water-softener, its Hold

cough suppressant and the

ClingFree anti-static fabric sof-

tener, "will have a comparable impact on the group's consum-er products business as the acquisition of Massengill on

the pharmaceuticals division ".

In sales terms Beecham was roughly trabling its existing American consumer surnover.

The deal will reduce Bee-

cham's dependence on the United Kingdom market from

cant " profit improvement.

already been divulged by administration officials and by those sections of the Admini stration's budget dealing with energy. It is clear that the department will concentrate on production, while slowing spend-ing on nuclear energy research

regulations aimed at increasing energy conservation will be a main part of the new policies to be announced in April. The department will also seek to move swiftly to establish large special oil reserves for use only at times of emergency.

The urgent need for an

mobilize all the diverse energy agencies to produce a coordi nated emergency plan. Admini-stration officials say they were horrified when they took office at the extent of the confusion that existed between the energy

President Carter today blamed ncoordinated energy policies for at least part of the serious impact that the cold weather age had on the economy in the past two months. He believes the new department will be able to operate more efficiently, reduce overall growth in spending on public administration of energy policies, increase the speed with which new energy sources and supplies are developed and thereby reduce dependence on foreign oil.

Shake up of public sector industry in Italy

Rome, March 1

Breaking up the loss-ridden Egam Corporation as part of a general reorganization of pubic sector industry was proposed by the Italian government last

Signor Antonio Bisaglia, the Minister for State-owned Indus-try, told the Chamber of Deputies Budget Commission that Egam's accumulated losses amounted to 512,600m lire (£341.7m) and its debts to 909,000m lire, of which 808,000m were short term.

The minister asked Parlia-

Egam, so that its special steel sector would go to part of the IRI group, its textile machinery sector to ENI, and its mining and minerals operations would either be taken out of the pub-lic sector or, if they remained, would be financed on an ad hoc basis.

Signor Bisaglia further suggested the abolition of the smaller corporations EAGAT (mineral waters and thermal springs) and Ente Cinema (motion picture industry), so that in practice public sector industry would be reduced to three corporations—IRI, ENI, the hydrocarbons and energy corporation, and the smaller

conglomerate EFIM. These three would in themselves be streamlined through the rationalization of their sectors of activity. minister's

amounted to a tacit admission of failure of the way the public sector has been administered The proposed changes, if they are ever implemented in their present form, will represent the biggest shake up in the public sector since TRI itself was formed from the ashes of the depression of the early 1930s.

depression of the early 1930s. At IRI, the management of Professor Giuseppe Petrilli, chairman since 1960, is being contested in a revolt by 13 out of the 15 top executives, who have refused to accept his latest personnel changes.

On Egam, Signor Bisaglia said that the split-up and reconversion of those group companies which could be rescued would entail a cost, in addition to resources already earmarked, of sources already earmarked, of 221,300m lire for repayment of debt commitments and 305,000m

lire for recapitalization of group companies. Egan, which employs 34,000 people, become operational in 1971 when Signor Flaminio Piccoli was Christian Democrat Minister of State-owned Industry, and ran into disaster last

Its mismanagement led to the departure as chairman of Signor Mario Einaudi, who has since claimed an estimated 1,200m lire as a golden handshake for loss of office.

Coffee soars again

For the second time in less than a week the more distant coffee positions went over 4,000 per tonne yesterday. Spot "March coffee, although E4.000 below this level, advanced by £210 per tonne to £3,970. Cocus was also strong, "spot" March putting on £100.25 per tonne to £2,642.50. Commodities, page 25

Washington, March 1

have a \$10,000m (nearly E6,000m) annual budget and employ about 20,000 people.

not rule out the possibility that to decide environmental or the plans to be announced on sarety questions pertaining to April 20 might include a petrol energy development, nor will it energy development, nor will it have control of the nuclear

> of Interior and Defence Outlines of the department's

US pharmaceuticals business

It is also clear that tough new

energy department was high-lighted by the extremely cold

Standard bid rejected by BanCal

Bancal Tri-State Corporation's board voted unanimously today to reject a takeover bid made by Smandard Chartered Bank of

by Status Charles London.

Mr Chauncey Schmidt, the Bancal chairman, said after the board meeting that today's decision represents a vote of con-fidence by the directors in the company's future under existing management. "The board determined the offer was not in the best interest of the corporation and its share-holders, accordingly it was rejected", he said.

Lord Barber, chairman of Standard Chartered, said in California loss when

California last night that although he was disappointed it would not affect the bank's plans to continue expanding in California

Guinness Peat faces writ

breach of contract, has come to light in the offer document sent out by Guinness Peat in con-naxion with its bid for London eneral lirus It is understood the commodities transaction took place two or three years ago and involved a subsidiary of Lewis & Peat, the commodities arm of the

goes on to say that the present opinion of Guinness Pear's legal advisors is that the claim will

"So far as the subsidiary is concerned, the action is being strenuously resisted both on liability and on damages, Directors of Guinness Peat do not believe that these pro-ceedings are likely to have any material effect on the financial

Kingdom acquisition to in-crease the currently six times 34.2 per cent to 31.1 per cent on 1976 figures, while the con-sumer products contribution will rise from 62.4 per cent to States but he denied that "we were in an auction". He was certain that "we can covered dividend. more than wash our face on Financial Editor, page 23 SE Council rejects Smith mining plea

By Our Financial Staff

request by Smith Brothers, the quoted stock jobbing firm, to deal with certain market makers South African and other mining issues. Given that the council is never quick to break new ground, the decision has not ome entirely as a surprise. Alterations to the present London rules are not pre-cluded if, as a result of con-tinuing studies, they are thought to be necessary and compatible with the council's

to be a fear that such a move would set up a dual capacity in the London market. But it is also becoming quite obvious that the Stock Exchange is, to an extent, being circumvented by outsider mining share dealers, larg-ly United Kingsubsidiaries American broking houses, who can undercut a London jobber whose prices must take into

since the premium surrender rule was introduced in 1974 and of gold portfolios. These are believed to stand at around £100m now against perhaps £1,000m three years ago. The firm has pointed out that of the industrial market, rather

than golds, that was responsible for the first half deficit of £56,000 against the comparable profit of £402,000. Unlike its quoted rival, Ack-

Mr G. J. Wilkins: More

72.7 per cent of last year's total sales.

ment yesterday on suggestions that it would make a United

The board refused to com-

royd & Smithers, Smith has no interest in the gilt-edged market but, now that its bid to cover the full range of the golds market has been stymied, an entry into more lively fields

Guinness Pest, the merchant

banking and commodities con-cern headed by Lord Kissin is facing a multimillion dollar legal action over a commodities

The offer document states that the action is for a very substantial damages for alleged breach of contract." However, it

position of the company",

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Dr. damant opposition to the main ils he active eatures of the Bullock com-

democracy—the CBl is totally opposed to the imposition of worker directors by lawthat the Government still hoped to produce a White Paper on industrial democracy before the summer, and said he would expect to have a further meeting with the CBI leaders when some form of tentative processes on participation, might

under guidelines laid down by the Prime Minister in a meet-ing with industrial leaders last

The expectation of lower rates sent the gilt-edged market Mr Dell apparently stressed

The Stock Exchange Council has decided not to accede to a

sharply better at the longer end Strength at the longer end has been further fuelled by the fact that there are no sellerspartly because the Government is selling no stock through the "tap", and partly because some of the institutions, notably the insurance companies, are now sitting on such big capital gains that they are inhibited from policy of protecting investors through the separation of operating their normal policy of rolling over their stock by the prospect of incurring big capital principal and agent. The main objection to Smith's application was thought

But Smith, the sole Stock Exchange jobber in kaffirs, is adament that its gold profits remain consistently satisfactory and that it has been able to ralk to the council from a position of strength. All the same, the firm has noted with some concern the

changing pattern of business

should be forthcoming.

Bland Payne report:

£207,000,000 generated from overseas by our **UK Companies** in 1976

Group profit £15.2m (up from £8.6m) Group premium income £416m (up from £274m)

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Unilever disappoints despite 84 pc surge in profits dividends for the year of 29.5p gross but under dividend restraint rules the payment is chairman, was anxious to emphasize, none of this relates limited to 17.2p-an increase of

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On other pages

Business appoinments

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By Our Financial Staff
Unilever increased pre-tax
profits by 84 per cent to
£605.1m in 1976, with sterling's
fall against the Dutch guilder contributing a gain of about £76m at the year-end. But a slowdown in profits growth to 11 per cent on a

directly comparable exchange basis in the final quarter dis-appointed the stock market, and the shares closed 10p lower The group reports that com-bined sales of the Durch and United Kingdom groups rose 29 per centa to £8,726m, although the improvement drops to 14 per cent without the added effect of parity

NatWest's £187m: Profits from National Westminster Bank, at £187.8m pre-tax for 1976 as against £104.4m in 1975, are much in line with most expectaclays reported last week. National Westminster had, however, one surprise to spring In line with the equalization yesterday, with the announcement of a £50m write-down in agreement with the Dutch group, Unileyer declared total

the value of its properties.

now amounts to 17.530 net. This will be paid to share-holders when circumstances

to the huge tower block Nat-West is now building in 10 per cent.

The group reports that the balance of the 1976 dividend Bishopsgare to house its international department. together with the deferred balance of earlier dividends The improvement is mainly a

rates ruling through the year the bank's average base rate was 11.12 per cent as against 10.46 per cent; the growth in current accounts which, with the £65.5m rights issue of last June, enabled the group to run own its dependence on wholesale "money; and continued growth of the inter-national business. Royal profits doubled: Royal Insurance, the country's second

largest composite insurance

profits last year. Pre-tax profits

group's premium income world-wide copped the £1,000m mark for the first time, rising 38 per cent to £1,092m. Royal cut its overall under-

writing losses for the year from 1975's £32.4m to £17.7m, and increased investment income by 48 per cent to £92.4m. Basing its annual results on a weighed average for the fall in the value writing losses are shown to have been increased by £4m because of currency changes. However, currency gains boosted investment income over the year by £11.75m.

Dividends have been increased by the maximum permissible to 22.7p gross, and the Financial Editor, page 23

sells

Babcock raises bid for Herbert Morris to 148p Rises

aised its takeover hid terms or Herbert Morris, the Lough-orough mane makers, from 20p a share cash to 148p. a hare, valuing the company at

49m. However, Morris shares, which for some time have been tanding considerably higher han the original Babcock offer. Ose yesterday in advance of announcement by 8p to

The management and wor wrs of Morris had strongly pposed the original offer. Babock has 39.23 per cent of lorcis's equity.

forris last night said the offer as "derisory both in relation (4) earnings and to asset value ad the directors strongly ad-sed shareholders not to sell-

tHM Foods to make Predendant leave diffice by the start of April.

RHM Foods is to make 450 Mr Hils, appointed by Presizence redundant at its dent Ford, has written to reatham factory as a result President Carter to ask to be the group's heavy and replaced. 50 redundant

Babcock & Wilcox last night accelerating losses in the canned soups and meat and fish pastes markets. Production of these products will cease on August 31: Yesterday's decision means

that after August the Greatham workforce will be cut to 700 producing the group's Sharwood and Chesswood ranges of products, plus Atora Suet.

Barclaycard expenses Barclaycard is introducing a company card," scheme, under which company employees who are reimfursed expenses will be able to use a Barclaycard and have their accounts billed direct to their companies. They will cost £3 apiece, and a charge of 15p will be levied

SECchief to resign Mr Roderick Hills, chairman the American Securities and Exchange Commission, hopes to

each time they are used.

How the markets moved

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Sp to 334p 6p to 234p 5p to 132p 7p to 153p 10p to 442p 5p to 230p 4p to 38p

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8p to 416p 18p to 195p 10p to 220p 8p to 176p 25p to 525p 16p to 302p 10p to 242p Buncan, W. Finlay, J. Harrison Cros Jardine M'son 3p to 34p 12p to 892p 10p to 245p Angle Int Inv Imp Chein Ind Lucas Ind Durban Reed P & 0 Ultramar' Goode, D. & M. Goode, D. & M. 1p to 19p Hasiemere Est 7p to 189p Howard & Wynd 14p to 12p Unilever

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Equities gave up early gains. Gilt-edged securities made more changed at 43.1 per cent. Gold fell \$1.50 an ounce to \$141.625. headway.

Sterling lost 5 points to close at \$1.7135. Index of £ effective depreciation on new basis is 61.7 (December 1970=100). On old basis, depreciation rates is un-SDR-S was 1.15719 on Tuesday, while SDR-E was 0.676126.
Commodities: Renter's index was at 1680.4 (previous 1669.0).

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British companies begin long-delayed push into American motor industry heartland

Lucas and GKN seek manufacturing bases in the US

From Clifford Webb

Detroit, March 1 Two of Britain's largest and most successful component manufacturers — Lucas and Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds-are looking for American compenies to buy as manufacturing bases for a long-delayed push into the heartland of the United States motor industry.

Similar moves have been hinted at in the past but denied because they conflicted with the low profile policy adopted by both groups in

First priority had to be in-depth coverage of the much closer European Community markets. With this well on target Luces and GKN are ready to abandon their "soft" approach and risk the inevitable

reaction from American component companies defending involvement, with some United discussions with American nuck positions in the world's biggest States manufacturers of commanufacturers and operators motor market.

Mr E. B. "Bunty" Wootten, newly appointed president of Lucas Industries North America, told a press conference at the Society of Automotiva Engineers' congress and expo-sition in Detroit: "My brief is uncomplicated and un-

equivocal. I am required to build up Lucas sales in North America to something in the order of half a billion dollars (nearly £300m) a year by early 1980—a renfold increase.

"There is no question of our trying to take on your United States companies in their own backyard with high volume standard equipment for autos but there are other areas where we can be very competitive and inpovative

have been selected for redemption on March 15, 1977 (\$3,000,000 principal amount date:

States manufacturers of com-ponents and systems and I would expect mergers or acquisitions or partnerships, as appropriate, to broaden our overall position."

He identified diesel injection equipment as having the biggest potential. Many of the American journalists present were clearly surprised to learn that Lucas's subsidiary, CAV, is the largest manufacturer of

Lucas would be willing to manufacture in the United States. America has been much slower than Europe to take ad-

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

Esso Overseas Finance N.V.

8% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture through operation of the mandatory Sinking Fund and \$3,000.000 principal

dated as of March 15, 1971 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures amount through operation of the optional Sinking Fund at the redemption price

aggregating \$6,000,000 principal amount bearing the following serial numbers of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said

vantage of the economical diesel engine. But Dr B. A. Jarrett,

suggested that at least one in five of new medium trucks would be fitted with diesels by 1980—about 60,000 units a year. In addition, major car manu-

constant velocity joint built or licensed by GKN.

A large contract for these facturers were working on diesel engine designs for standard cars. Even 2 per cent use of diesels instead of petrol engines could result in a market for 150,000 diesels a year. Lucas are building a new

diesel injection equipment in the world.

Mr Wootten said that if American engine builders sought greater supply assurance quarters today: "We are determined to make the model of the world of the worl mined to mount a major effort.
to secure the appropriate penetration for our various com-

GKN's main hopes rest on their world leadership in con-

modern front-wheel-drive cars. exception of Citroen and a few General Motors low volume cars every other front-wheeldrive car in the world used a

joints has already been won for a new Chrysler car. Reliable sources believe it could be worth up to £18m a year. It will double GKN's total United States sales.

The British contingent of 24 component companies is easily the largest foreign participation in what is widely regarded as the world's most important original equipment show. Before it ends on March 3 some 30,000 senior engineers and purchasing executives from all over the world will have visited it.

Fiat firmly rejects pay demands by unions

By Barth Healey Milan, March 1

Fiat, Italy's largest single employer, is firmly rejecting upion demands for higher salaries, using as "protection" a recent presidential decree designed to limit rapid rises in labour costs.

This has shifted current labour talks from salary demands to pleas for increased investment and employment, "where we are the only major company in a position to satisfy the unions", according to a Fiat labour official.

Despite initial fears that the decree might interfere in the much-valued "autonomy of management" at Fiat and other companies, " with our financial position, we are freer than ever", the official said.

What happens at Fiat happens throughout Iralian innappens inroughout Iralian industry, the country's post-war
economic history has proved.
There is a chance that the
decree, which is dated February
7 and must be ratified by parliament within 60 days, will be
greatly watered down.

As the unions and the political parties to the left of centre mainly the Communists and the Socialists—have sensed Fiar's firmness in current labour talks, their pleas for a weaker decree have heightened.

The main effect of the political bickering has been to halt the Fiat talks, which are designed to implement and ex-pand the national metalworkers' contract of last year, pending clarification of the fate of the

Under the Government plan companies would be relieved of 1,400,000m lire (about £925m) in social security charges over the next year, with the bill being picked up by the Gov-ernment and financed by bigher sales taxes.

The main point of contention is Article 3, which says that any company giving salary or other cash benefits above those stipulated in national contracts would lose the savings in social security charges and would have to pay taxes on the higher benefits given—AP-Dow Jones.

Investment is the key to productivity, Lord Ryder asserts



Lord Ryder at the Leyland wheel; trying out the

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

Paster and more efficient proraster and more efficient pro-duction would not regenerate British industry if it were not accompanied by investment to ensure the highest standards of design, Lord Ryder, chairman and .chief executive of the National Enterprise Board, said in Lordon less night.

n London last night. Opening a Quality by Design exhibition at the Design Centre, Lord Ryder said: "We do in fact make many excellent products in Britain, but we don't produce enough of them and in some cases we don't make them fast enough.

"Our productivity is still too low, which is one of the reasons why we need to step up our investment in new plant and equipment—a task which the NEB has been set up to put its weight behind."

Every manufacturer shoul include among his aims in objectives the need to achieve the highest standards of quift and reliability, Lord Ryder and The NEB, when decide whether to back a companyould always wish to apprain its commercial prospects in the fullest possible sense.

"It is not simply a manufacturer should be a company of the sense."

"It is not simply a question of looking at balance sheets approfit forecasts: it is also case of satisfying ourselves in the company has the right products and the right resources human as well as financial deliver them on time, at in

right price and with the quithat the customer expects. Good design was of key in-portance to the future of Britis industry, and therefore to the long-term economic performance of the nation, Lord Ryde said.

Royal Insurance

FINAL DIVIDEND

The directors propose to recommend to the stockholders that at the annual general meeting to be held on 11th May 1977 a final dividend be declared of 8.898p per 25p unit of stock to be paid on 20th May 1977. This increase is the maximum permitted. With the addition of stockholders' tax credit this is equivalent to a "gross" dividend of 13.688p. The dividend will be payable to stockholders registered at the close of business on 18th.

This together with the interim dividend of 5.830p (8.969p "gross") already paid will make a total distribution of 14.726p (22.655p "gross") per unit for the year 1976 compared with 13.387p (20.595p "gross") for 1975.

ESTIMATED RESULTS

The audited accounts are due to be published on 19th April 1977. Preliminary unaudited figures for the year 1975, with the comparable figures for the year 1975, are

	Year 1976 £m	Year 1975 £m
General Insurance Premiums Written	1,091.9	786.9
Underwriting Result	-17.7 1.7 92.4 2.0	-32.4 -1.7 62.5 0.9
Total profit before texetion	78.4 27.6 9.4	32.7 11.4 0.2
Profit after taxation	50.4 (33.6p) 22.1 (14.726p)	21.1 (15.9p) 18.5 (13.387p)
Transfer to retained profits	28.3	2.6

The geographic distribution of the peneral insurance business and of the under

		Yest 1971	3		Year 1975	
i .	Premiums	Profit	investment	Premiums	Profit	investment Incomé
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U.K. and Irish Republic	217.9	-d1	27.0	171.6	. 3.6	17.1
Canada	225.0	-22	13.9	125.4	-5.0	8.1
Australia	72.1	24	6.9	61.8	-4.3	4.7
Europe (ex U.K. and Irish Republic)	80.9	-47	5.2	65.8	-24	3,7
Other Overseas	85.5	5.)	2.4	61.2	-0.1	2.0
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Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures. with coupons due March 15, 1978 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 10015: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brossels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Banca

Dated: February 9, 1977

Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. In Milan and Rome; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam: and Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise in Luxembourg. Coupons due March

On and after March 15, 1977 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

NOTICE

The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment: 12914 12988 14458 15742 13916 13996 14769 16248 13929 14172 15631 16529

In the above figures foreign currency has been converted according to our normal practice at approximately the average rates of exthange ruling during the period. The \$1.80 \$1.78 \$1.48 \$2.22 1976 and 1975 is significant. The underwriting result for 1976 was adversely affected to the extent of almost £4m. On the other hand investment income benefited by some £112m. UNDERWRITING RESULT In the USA there was a substantial reduction in the underwriting loss in dollar terms. as evidenced by the operating ratio which came down from 107.1 to 103.4. The depreciation in sterling masks the underlying degree of improvement which was present in all major lines with the exception of workers compensation which had an increase in claims frequency and for which rate levels in some states were inadequate. In Canada an underwriting loss in the last three months was largely accounted for by the extreme weather conditions in December. Overal for the year there was a reduction in the underwriting loss due to better expenence it the automobile and commercial 15, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner. In the United Kingdom there was a small loss. As previously reported, the house-holders account was in substantial deficit due to losses arising from the January 1976 storms and some £7.5m of subsidence claims caused by the drought conditions during ESSO OVERSEAS FINANCE N.V. In Australia the recovery which started in 1975 continued and led to a return to profitability for 1976. There was a further deterioration in the experience in The Netherlands where the result more than accounted for the total underwriting loss i) Europe.

In the Other Overseas territories the results overall during the year improved to make a significant underwriting profit.

Qatar minister seeks formula to end two-tier oil pricing

Vienna, March 1.—Abdul Aziz Al-Thoui, the Qatar Oil Minis-ter, told reporters today that he would continue his efforts to achieve a compromise that would do away with the present two-tier price system for oil in the Organization of Petroleum

Expering Countries (Opec).

He said, confirming his role as price mediator, he would leave iVenna to visit several Opec countries in the search for a compromise formula, but declined to name the countries. A compromise, he said, would be somewhere between the 15 per cent price boost decided by 11 of the 13 Opec members last December and the 5 per cent boost of Saudi Arabia and the d Arab Emirates

The minister said the two-tier. price system should not be overrated, but called it " a bit funny, though . . . a cloud that will present for such a have nothing to have nothing to a question, he other at this time expressed the hope that this —AP-Dow Jones.

would happen before the next session of the Opec oil ministers in Stockholm on July 12

The minister, who is also his country's Finance Minister, was here for a meeting of Opec finance ministers , to discuss aid for developing countries.

He said one compromise possibility could be that the second price rise would be However, this would require

agreement on a price compro-mise before the Stockholm meeting. Otherwise the new boost would be implemented as

He said that in the event of a price compromise before the meeting, a special oil ministers' session would have to be held to vote on the compromise. There were no plans

present for such a session. "We have nothing to say to each other at this time", he added.

Carpet restructuring may mean 20 pc fewer jobs

RENTOKIL GROUP

Preliminary

Announcement

1976

£7,164,000

£3,528,000

5,60p

13.031%

20.000%

33.031%

These figures exclude extraordinary credits of

exchange differences and a surplus on the sale

The Company propose to capitalise reserves by

Share register struck for dividend 12th April; Report and Accounts to shareholders 7th April;

Annual General Meeting 3rd May at Chartered

Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London.

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a scrip issue of one share for every two shares held. The new shares will not rank for the

£1,126,000 (1975: £960,000). They comprise

£46,829,000 £39,479,000

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£3,130,000

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By Piner Hill Industrial Correspondent

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Forecasts were made yesterday that up to 20 per cent of Britain's carpet industry labour force could lose their jobs as a result of restructuring over the next few years.

Mr Robyn Grant, managing director of Heuga UK, said in London yesterday that the car-pet industry had not yet adjusted from two decades of mar-ket growth to the current static situation. Profits of carpet manufacturing companies had fallen from an average return on capital of 20 per cant to 8 per cent in 1975 and below that last year and without an im-proved export performance last

Group

turnover

after tax

Earnings

per share.

Dividends

Interim paid

November 1976

(8.47% with tax

Final proposed

credit of 4.561%)

payable 4th May 1977 (13% with tex credit of 7%)

of quoted investments.

final dividend of 1976.

Group profit

before tax Group profit

On the other hand, profitable carpet retailer groups were engaged in heavy promotional ex-penditure and were driving the industry into supplying keenly priced unbranded products.

This, he suggested, was likely

to lead to a restructuring into larger units with a likely re-duction in the labour force of about 20 per cent.
Mr Grant suggested that the

Government might be persuaded to assist as part of its industrial strategy if the industry itself showed that it was prepared to tackle the problems. A tex credit system associated with increased sales and pro-ductivity might be a good in-

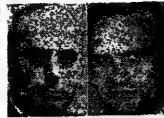
Business appointments

Hawker **Siddeley** board changes

Mr B. R. Bensiy and Mr T. W. B. Sallitt have been made directors of Hawker Slideley Group from March 1. Mr C. D. MacQualde will retire from the board on June 22, having reached retiring to the second of the secon

board on June 22, having reached retiring age.

Other changes are: From March I, Mr B. R. Bensly is to be chairman of Mirriees Blackstone while continuing as managing director. From June 1 he will be the group director responsible for Hawker de Havilland Australia, HDH Holdings, Hawker Siddeley Brush and Noyes Bros. Mr T. W. B. Sallitt becomes chairman of Hawker Siddeley Drummics Engineering and deley Dynamics Engineering and Hawker Siddeley Water Engineer-ing from April 1, and continues to have responsibility for fizwker Siddeley's switchgeer and trans-Sindeley Fower Engineering. Mr F. H. Wood, a Hawker Siddeley Group director, has become vice-balrman of Hawker Siddeley Canada, He continues to be responsible for B. Canada, He continues to be responsible for R. A. Lister & Co and Petrers. Sir John Lidbury, vice-chaicman and deputy managing director of Hawker Siddeley Group, is now chairman of Brush Electrical Machines and Brush Electrical Machines and Brush Electrical Engineering Co, and continues group responsibilities for Hawker Siddeley Aviation, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics and High Duty Alloys.



board. Mr Bensiy also will be director responsible for the group's Australian companies from June 1, and Mr Sallitt becomes chairman of HS Dyna-mics Engineering and HS Water

Mr A. J. Laurence, Hawker Siddeley Group finance director, is now chairman of Hawker Siddeley International and Hawker Siddeley Electric Export. Mr J. R. Colleybecomes chairman of Gloster Saro-Keivin Construction Co and Saro Products from April 1, 1977. He becomes chairman of Hawker Siddeley Building Supplies Pry (Perin, Australia) from March 1, 1977, and joins the board of Bunning Timber Holdings (Perth, Australia) from April 1, 1977. He is head of Hawker Siddeley Group's central services. Mr C. B. Cape becomes chairman of F. W. Brackett & Co and continues as managent. becomes chairman of F. W. Brackett & Co and continues as managing director of Hawker Siddeley Water, Engineering. Mr C. B. Whits, secretary of Hawker Siddeley Group, joins the boards of Hawker Siddeley Fower Engineering and Hawker Siddeley Water Engineering from April 1, 1977. Mr B. G. Shoosmith has become managing director of R. A. Lister Power Plant.

Mr Roger Macey has been made a director of P. B. Mossé & Fartners and Mr Phillip Hancock becomes an assistant director.

Mr Alan Marsh and Mr Geoffney Waltho have been

Mr Alan Marsh and Mr Geoffrey Waltho have been appointed to the board of H. Clarkson and Co.

Mr C. A. Lomberg is to be appointed chairman of the process plant contracting group of Simon Engineering in succession to Mr J. E. Chick who is retiring at the end of July, 1977. It is the board's intention that Mr Lomberg will become a director of Simon Engineering Ltd at that time, Mr M. Hamshaw will succeed Mr Lomberg as managing director of Sim-Chem with effect from March 1, 1977.

Engineering from April 1.

Sim-Chen with effect from March

1, 1977.

Mr Norman Miller, sesistam
manager and secretary, has been
made a director of Cariol Investment Trust and The Tyneside
Investment Trust.

Mr Louis Heyman, managing
director of Leopold Joseph and
Sons, has been made a nonexecutive director of the Fairey
Company. Mr R. C. Gregory, the
company's financial manager, has
become financial director.

Mr J. W. 'harpe has been made
group' managing director and chief
executive of Bernard Wardle.

Mr D. V. Weyer and Mr
C. H. W. Troughton have joined
the board of Barciays Bank Intermational.

Mr Tony Peers has gone on to

mational.

Mr Tony Peers has gone on to the board of Babcock & Wilcox Management as director of Industrial Balations.

Mr C. A. Fraser is to become a director of the Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assutance Society.

Mr Martin Shoquist has been made a director and general manager of L. B. Foster and Mr Richard Smith has become financial director:

Unilever in 197

The Directors of Unilever announce the Companies' provisional results for the fourth quarter and for the year 1976, and their ordinary dividend proposals. The results are subject to completion of the consolidated accounts and audit.

Exchange Rates

As has been our practice throughout the year the results for the fourth quarter and the comparative figures for 1975 have been calculated at comperable rates of exchange being based on £1=FL 5.43=US\$ 2.02, which were the closing rates for 1975. Profit attributable to ordinary capital for the fourth quarter 1976 has also been receiculated at the closing rates for 1976 being based on £1=FL 4.18=US\$ 1.70 which will be used for the Annual Accounts 1976.

The results and earnings per share for the full year 1976 have been calculated at the closing rates for 1976. The 1975 figures for the full year are based on the closing rates for 1975. The trends are therefore influenced by the changes in exchange rates during the year, For comparison purposes the trends have also been shown based

Combined Results (£ millions) Fourth'Quarter Full Year Closing Comparable Rates Rates 2,016 SALES TO THIRD PARTIES-Combined 1.798 12% 8,726 6,760 2,876 3,884 1.045 1,027 -N.V. **OPERATING PROFIT** 126.5 117.4 (6.8) 2.2 (12.3) 6.6 Non-recurring items (4.0)(27.3)(32.1)(9.2) 3.6 (8.2) 4.2 interest on loan capital PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION 120.8 109,0 605.1 328.0 84% (53.8)Taxation on profit of the year (187.5)(6.2)ets and preference dividends (23.3)(4.8)(0.8)Outside interests (20.3) (3.0) Preference dividends (3.8)Profit attributable to ordinary capital -Fourth Quarter at comparable rates 14% -Year at closing rates 281.7 142.0 Difference on musiculation of Fourth Quarter 1976 6.2 results at 1976 closing rates 67.A 53.4 PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY CAPITAL 281.7 142.0 83,4 27.4 (88.7) Dividends on ordinary and deterred capital (94.4) (21.6) (45.1) 187.3 75.3 Earnings per 25p of capital 75.84p 38.22p 14.27p

Results-Fourth Quarter

In comparison with the very good 1975 fourth quarter sales were up by 12 per cent, more than half of which grose from higher volume.

Kingdom were below those of the corresponding quarter of 1975. Oil milling results were disappointing due to unsettled conditions in the meal market. The cost of introducing new products was a cause of lower profits in detergents in several countries. Sundry foods, animal feeds and the industrial groups continued to improve.

Outside Europe, sales and profits were generally good. UAC International also did well.

For the year as a whole sales increased by 14 per cent at comparable rates of exchange with volume accounting for As a result of the fall of sterling during the year the increase

in sales and profits is much higher when expressed at 1978 closing rates of exchange.

in Europe there was a major improvement in most product groups as compared with the poor results in 1975. However, margins in general are still too low. Results in edible fats and other foods, chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging and animal feeds showed a marked recovery. Frozen foods and ice cream again did well. Our toilet preparations businesses showed further growth. Our two major mest companies continued to make operating losses. These were increased by heavy costs of restructuring in the United Kingdom.

In North America results were generally satisfactory. In most other countries outside Europe there was further sales and profits growth. UAC International contributed substantially to the higher 1976 results.

The Boards today resolved to recommend to the Annual

General Meetings to be held on 11th May, 1977 the declaration of final dividends in respect of 1976 on the Ordinary capitals at the following rates, which are equivalent in value at today's rate of exchange in terms of the itiani patwaan fue fwo cowbaniez: LIMITED 11.78 pence per original 26 pence Ordinary shere (1975: 8.43 pence), bringing the total of LIMITED's dividend declarations for 1976 to 19.24 pence per share (1975: 13.67 pence).

N.V. Fl. 5.16 per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital (1975: Fl. 4.72) bringing the total of N.V.'s dividend for 1976 to Fl. 8.36 per Fi. 20 Ordinary capital (1975: Fl. 7.65).

The N.V. final dividend will be paid on 23rd May, 1977. Because of the fall since last year in the sterling/guilder exchange rate, LIMITED will be obliged under the Equalisation Agreement to increase its total dividend declarations for 1976 by an amount which exceeds the statutory limit of 10 per cent currently in force for United Kingdom companies. As before the Treasury have agreed to such declarations by LIMITED, subject to the condition that the total amount paid to shareholders by way of dividends for 1976 is kept within the statutory limit and payment of the balance of 1976 dividends is postponed.

It is therefore again proposed to make the final dividend of LIMITED payable by instalments. The first instalment of 7.01 pence per share would be paid on 23rd May, 1977 to shareholders registered in the books of the Company on 29th April, 1977. This payment would bring LIMITED's dividend payments for 1976 up to 11.19 pence per share which is within the statutory limit. The balance of LIMITED's 1976 final dividend which together with the deferred balance of earlier dividends would amount in total to 17.53 pence per share, would be paid when circumstances permit to holders of Ordinary capital now in issue registered at the time of

Signsholders are reminded that for the purpose of equalising dividends under the Equalisation Agreement the United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax in respect of any dividend paid by LIMITED has to be treated as part of the dividend, if the rate of United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax is changed from the current rate of thirty-five sixty-filths before payment of this dividend has been completed, the figures now announced will be adjusted accordingly and a further

The Report and Accounts for 1976 will be published on 20th April, 1977. This and future announcements of Unitever Quarterly Results will be printed in leaflet form. If you wish to be included in the mailing list for these leaflets please write to: Information Division, Unitever House, London EC4P 4BQ.

TO: A E Stockholders

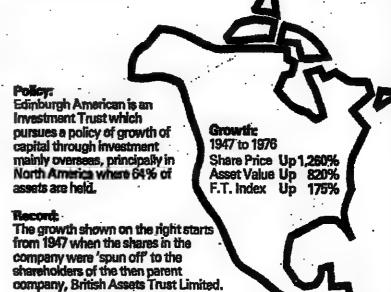
You are reminded of the informal meeting arranged for London to give you the opportunity of raising questions with your Board regarding the proposed acquisition of Serck Ltd. A further meeting has now been arranged for Edinburgh. The meetings will be held in London at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, at 12 noon on the 3rd March and in Edinburgh at The Post House, Corstorphine Road, at 12 noon on the 9th March.

Associated Engineering Limited



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31st Dec 31st Dec 1975 £31.1m. £24.6m. Total Assets £22.1m. £16.6m. Not Assets Equivalent per share to 110p 85p 0.92pEarned per ordinary share 1.18p Proposed Annual Dividend 0.90p 0.75p





Clydeside yard given

£5m government aid

By Peter Hill

pany's workers.

intervention fund.

Kingdom vards.

many orders held by United

It is one of two sister ships.

The first was bought by the Niarchos group last December after the Government's decision

to order the Bank of Scotland

to take over the first ship when

MFC defaulted on progress

The future of the second ship has been in doubt since MFC's

difficulties emerged, and the company suspended all work on the vessel until MFC's future

was resolved. At the same time it has been involved in inten-

sive lobbying of the Department

of Industry in an attempt to secure some arrangement for

Mr Kaufman, Minister of

the construction of the ship.

drawn created

Industrial Correspondent

Montedison's future reassessed after resignations of top men

From John Earle Rome, March 1

The future of Montedison, taly's biggest chemical comany, was being reassessed iday after the resignations of ignor Giorgio Corsi, joint managing director responsible for finance, and Signor Gioacchino Albanese, assistant to the chairman responsible for group strategy and political lobbying.

The resignations were notified to a board meeting yesterday in Milan, which made known a 1976 loss for the parent com-pany of 60,600m lire (about 540m), following one in 1975

The board also announced a forthcoming capital increase from 435,000m lire to 823,020m lire, through a nine-for-10 rights issue to be effected in stages under modalities yet to be made clear.

The company announced that Signor Corsi would continue to act as a consultant for the group, but gave no reason for Signor Albanese's resignation. rumours of dissensions in the approved by parliament.

West Germany's steel

into state of crisis

German steel sector appears to

be sinking gradually into a state

of crisis, and is sacking people

In the Saar, some 900 workers

ar Neunkirchener Eisenwerke

proportion rose to one quarter

nounced a suspension of output

Roebrenwerke and Kammerisch

that most of them will be

switched to other group fac-

tories, thanks to early retire-

ment of other personnel and

In the past 30 months the

industry has gone from its best

year ever to a situation that

natural departures.

received notice.

Reisbolz.

for the first time in a decade.

top management, which last night's statement did little to

One rumour was that Signor Eugenio Cefis, the chairman, intended to sell the group's financial subsidiaries (Fingest, Banco Lariano, Italia Assiundisclosed curazioni) to interests to provide cash for the capital-hungry group, and that Signor Corsi was leaving the Montedison parent to remain head of these sub-

This plan was stated to have met opposition from Signor Giuseppe Ratti, joint managing director responsible for foreign operations, backed by the important shareholding of ENI. A statement after the board meeting confirmed that a plan of this nature is under study, but made clear that no decision had been taken.

Montedison's need for capital has been accentuated by the news that a clause in a proposed industrial reconversion bill, designed to provide it with facilities to raise about 600,000m Recently there have been lire (£400m), is unlikely to be



Corsi: res for

Anomaly

By Our Estates Correspondent. Some developers are being deterred from starting con-struction projects because it appears that they cannot pre-lease the resulting building without becoming liable to a beavy bill for Development

The institution, in a letter to the Inland Revenue, points out that entering into an agreement before construction begins, to lease space in a building after its completion, is often essential if the developer is to obtain finance to cover building costs.

The anomaly could therefore

The problem arose from an interpretation of the Act by the central DLT office, and the institution hoped that it could be overcome by an administra-tive direction. If not, it would propose that the Government amend it.

A spokesman for the instituexplained that agreements for leases are regarded as land disposals which can attract DLT.

The last five years have been uphill all the way

to save tanker order of the Niarchos group, and that the Government would provide £5m to enable the company to complete the ship.

Scott Lithgow, the lower Clyde shipbuilding group, is "I regard the securing of this being given a £5m government order as most satisfactory, both grant to cover construction costs of a large oil tanker sold to the Niarchos group, thus rein its own right, and because it points the way to what might achieved by the operation moving the threat of redunof the intervention fund," he dancy among 3,000 of the com-

The £5m was apparently taken The grant is expected to be into acount when the decision was taken on the size of the from the recently-£65m shipbuilding intervention fund.

Mr A. Ross Belch, Scott Lith-The order for the ship, a gow's managing director, said the company would be making a substantial contribution to the 250,000-ton deadweight tanker, was originally placed with the company by Maritime Fruit company by Maritime Fruit Carriers, which encountered difference between the selling Carriers, which encountered severe difficulties last year price and the building cost. leading to the sale of most of its ships and cancellation of

The two ships were ordered originally by specially-created subsidiaries of Scott Lithgow to take advantage of now-discontinued investment grants. At that time the cost of the ship was between 521m and 522m Subsequently the companies and the ships were sold to MFC and the building price was about £24m on the second ship.

Market scurces indicated that the cash sale to Niarchos would probably involve £16m to £17m, with the government grant and Scott Lithgow making up the balance to the original £21m to

Oman order: Brooke Marine of Lowestoft, Suffolk, has been awarded a contract for the de-sign and construction of a special purpose logistics ship for the navy of the Sultanate of Oman. It has also received State for Industry, told the Commons yesterday that the ship had been bought by Dexter Shipping, a subsidiary a letter of intent for the place ing of a further order for major

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Britain must press for a satisfactory EEC farm policy

From Mr Shawn Stewart Sir, It is disturbing that Mr David Blake should write an article (February 16) on the United Kingdom's defence of the present parity of the " green pound" without mentioning that the European Unit of Account (EUA) ought to have been used instead of the Agricultural Unit of Account (AUA) for calculating the value

of the green currencies when the United Kingdom and other EEC countries left the monetary "snake"; that, because the countries which left all countries devalued, the AUA is now 19 per cent higher than the EUA; and that United Kingdom agricultural prices are in fact much closer to the EUA price than those of Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark— 12.6 per cent below compared to, respectively, 29.7 per cent, 21.1 per cent, 19.6 per cent

and 19.3 per cent above.

An increase of 19 per cent in the level of agricultural prices would aggravate the problem of surpluses by reduc-ing demand and increasing sup-ply. The countries whose prices are above the EUA level should be required to reduce them before others make any move at all. This would incidentally help correct the present imbalance of trade within the EEC.

third countries would also in-

Freight rates on the railways

vite retaliation against EEC exports of manufactures. Where in any case is the authority for the present

From Mr Michael Barclay

Sir, Mr Richard Hope argued in The Times on February 22, that British Rail must put its house in order before White-hall will give Mr Parker the investment he demands to present the railways freezing to

vent the railways freezing to death. But British Rail do not

even take advantage of the in-vestment they are being offered

by private industry today.

In France 38 per cent of the freight wagon fleet is privately owned; in Switzerland 28 per cent, in Germany 16 per cent, in Italy 13 per cent, but on British railways only 8 per cent of the wagons are in private ownership.

The other European railways

offer good discounts on freight rates to firms providing their

own wagons and this encour-ages the building of modern wagons capable of fast and reli-

able running. But British Rail

offers little or no such rebate to present or potential users,

Sir, The way in which the CBI and other bodies have coalesced

to oppose the Bullock report

ment to realize the unreality

must have surprised even them, and may have caused the Gov-

of thinking the majority report

is a basis for meaningful pro-

Everyone feels something

must be done, but with the two

sides so successfully entrenched

what can be done to form a bridge for progress?

From Mr John Marks

Participation in industry

bridge for progress?

I, and I fear many other people, did not read the British institute of Management's report on employee participation (the Cotton report) when it was originally published in March, 1975, it has since been reprinted thrice.

The calibre of managers who worked on that report is such since being duce progress glowering stail yours faithful Chairman, Trebor Sharp Trebor House Woodford Great Stail Control of the Control o

private ownership.

arrangement? Article 39(3) prohibits any discrimination between producers or con-sumers within the Community and requires farm prices to be set at a level to ensure both the rational development of agricultural production and supplies to consumers at reasonable

Would the courts not say that the tax on, eg, British exports of beef to Germany, is discriminatory and that the agri-culture ministers in sticking to the AUA as a datum line had in any case misdirected themselves as to what the common price should be? Or is there no rule of law in the EEC?

The value of the green mark has risen only 5 per cent since 1970 although the real mark has risen 36 per cent. No German government will close this gap by reducing farm prices by 23 per cent to the EUA level

The obvious solution is forget the pipe-dream of a common market in agricultural products. Each country should pay for its own agricultural protection and those who want higher price this year can make a start by providing the extra money themselves.

Most of the EEC budget is spent on agriculture and although it is true as Mr Blake An increase of 19 per cent in that our contribution would be substantially higher if the market rate of exchange the level of protection against were to be substituted for the 1971 rate of \$2.40, it is also true that our share of the total is already much higher than our

who have the choice between British Rail's own outdated stock (quite rightly bemoaned

by Mr Parker) or using the roads. Meanwhile the wagon building industry languishes

with empty order books. British Rail should give every

encouragement to private in-

dustry, ready and waiting to invest in new railway equip-ment so that Mr Parker can at least keep the customers he has today. DoE grants towards

construction costs are indeed welcome but British Rail must

play its part by giving the

incentive of preferential freight

rates or the new freight wagons needed to modernize British Rail will never be buik.

Association of Private Railway-

18 Great Marlborough Street,

that no element of union or capital bashing appears. It is

a very sensible, practical report and suggests participation is

most important on the shop floor, that any legislation should

of participation is to enrich people's jobs and to increase the

effectiveness of enterprises. Very many people scross the country would heartily endorse

these objectives.

glowering stalemate.

Chairman,
Chairman,
Trebor Sharps Ltd,
Trebor House,
Woodford Green,
Essex IG8 8EX.
February 25.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MARKS,

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,

MICHAEL BARCLAY,

Wagon Owners Limited.

share of the EEC's gross national product and that by 1980 it will be nearly twice at much.

Our food, drink and tobacco is already costing us at less £1,500m more than it would one side the EEC. The net cost in foreign exchanges is about £1,100m, including revenue from products. The corresponding figures next year will be £2.100m and £1,500m at current prices. If the green pound-were abolished the 1978 figures would rise to £3,300m and £2,100m.

Why have the public not been told the truth about the common agricultural policy and why in particular have the Government not had the courage to denounce the impudence of the Commission in putting forward proposals which would require us to make by far the greatest contribution towards parrowing the differentials which exist? Have ministers in fact been told what is really implied in these proposals? If

There will be no reform un-less and until price increases are vetoed. Mr Silkin must tell his colleagues that we are me prepared to pay a penny more until we get a satisfactory alternative. Yours faithfully, SHAUN STEWART, The Old House, Willards Hill Etchingham, East Sussex TN19 7DB.

Understanding. the workings of education

February 21.

From Dr and Mrs Roger Hen-

ing managers and factory trainers in Newcastle ("Mrs Williams finds food for thought in education debate", February 19) could be taken more seriously if the first item did not show such lack of know-ledge of school level qualifica-

School certificate was taken selective grammar schools about 10 per cent of the 16-year-old pupils. It was rep-laced in 1951, more than 20 years ago, by the General Car-tificate of Education. Until the raising of the school leaving age approximately 15 per cent of school leavers had three or more GCE "O" levels; this has now increased to about 26

per cent. The Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) examination was introduced as an achievement test for those unlikely to reach GCE standard. Both CSE and GCE have a range at grades, and any employer who recruits an applicant having four or five CSE's without checking whether the grades indicate a high or low standard deserves all the problems he gets. Would he order steel for a high quality job without specifying the grade?

Perhaps there should more visits from industry schools and colleges to what education provides. Yours faithfully, Harrogate College of Futher

Let us use the Cotton report as the bridge we need to pro-duce progress from the present DR R. M. HENSON, Head of Department MRS A. M. HENSON. 2 Westcliffe Grove,

in DLT sector running gradually deters builders Bonn, March 1.—The West tons in 1975, then by a slight lerman steel sector appears to rise to 42,000,000 tons.

The recession is attributed to sluggish activity in the building, capital equipment and shipbuilding sectors. Industry officials also point will lose their jobs by June, and to "low cost imports from the first 21 have already countries like Japan, Spain and Land Tax.

Brazil". In addition, these countries are taking over West During January, one fifth of Germany's traditional interthe sector's 324,000 workers national markets. West German were hit by short-time and the exports have fallen from 11,700,000 tons in 1974 to seven million tons last year. Yesterday Mannesmann an-

Managements in the steel at its subsidiaries Mannesmann industry here are extremely worried. Their production costs are among the highest in the world. Hourly wages, for Some 1,800 staff are affected but, according to the manage- example, are next highest to those of the United States. ment, there is a good chance

Top executives also note that West German steel firms are obliged to buy coal at twice the price of that available to their chief rivals abroad. As a consequence of the way the coal business is run here, this raw material costs twice the amount paid by American firms.

In general, steel leaders hope some steel people believe is for a recovery in the early even more dangerous than in 1980s, but they are loath to estimate how many firms will have In 1974 output of crude steel gone to the wall by then .came to 53,200,000 tons, and his was followed by 40,400,000 Agence France Presse.

The anomaly is pointed out by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, who says that an identical building leased after development has begun would normally attract little, if

result in many important and useful projects being needlessly

Corporation tax boosts Inland Revenue receipts

By Our Financial Staff

Inland Revenue receipts rose a fifth in January compared with the comparable month of 1976, leaving the cumulative total of receipts so far this financial year 15 per cent up at £17,275m on 1975/76.

Last month's rise largely reflected a sharp increase in the yield from corporation tax. This was 51 per cent up on January 1976, at £1,113m.

The February edition of Financial Statistics also confirms that there was a substan-tial increase in the holdings of liquid assets of insurance companies and private sector pen-sion funds in the third quarter of 1976. This occurred at a time when there was a reaction in the stock market and a luli in the Government's funding

programme. The figures show an increase in the short-term assets of in-surance companies of £297m during the period (against a decrease of £37m in the previous quarter) and net invest-ment of only £34m in equities against £350m in gilts—both figures being below the com-parable figures for the previous

The figures for private penslop funds show an increase in their short-term assets of £69m to £632m. At the same time, however, they were much heavier net buyers of gitte during the quarter than public sector pension funds (£111m against £32m) and much smeller net purchasers of company securities (£54m against £117m).

Dutch rules for BP plant 'impossible'

Rotterdam, March 1.-British Petroleum said today that the conditions made by south Hol-land provincial authorities for a permit to build a new cracker plant in Rotterdam are unacceptable.

unacceptable.

The authorities said they had decided in principle to give BP Raffinaderij Nederland a permit under the air pollution and public nuisence Acts to build facilities at its Europort refinery eits in Rotterdam.

But a BP spokesman said it was technically and financially impossible to meet the authori-

impossible to meet the authorities' demands as they stood, especially on sulphur dioxide waste pollution.—Reuter.

Britain receives £66m in N Sea oil royalties

Britain has received its first oil production royalties. In a Commons written reply yester-day, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said that production royalties for the calendar year 1976 totalled £66.6m. He told Mr James Dempsey, Labour member for Coatbridge

and Airdrie, that of this sum £22.4m was attributable to gas production and £44.2m to oil extraction. The figures are pro-Although oil has been in pro-

duction from North Sea fields since June, 1975, it was only in the second half of last year that substantial royalties be-came payable as production

TUC plea on Drax B

Ministers yesterday told a delegation from the TUC's fuel and power industries committee that they would consider the TUC plea for an early decision on Drax B power station.
The undertaking was given

during a one-hour meeting be-tween the TUC team and Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. Mr Eric Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, also was present. The ministers stressed that they were aware of the urgency of the situation.

Travel training levy

Permission has been given to Permission has been given to the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board by Mr Booth, the Secretary of State for Employment, to levy employers for 1 per cent of their payroll for the year ending April 5, 1976. The levy will be used to finance the board's training programme. Employers with fewer gramme. Employers with fewer than 16 people on their payroll are exempt from the order, which comes into effect on

The Cardinal **Investment Trust Limited**

Extracts from the Report and Accounts and the Statement of the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Wethered.

The year in brief	1976	1975
Total revenue	£986,640	£882,605
Revenue before taxation	£612,157	£557,366
Dividends on deferred capital	3.30p	3.00p
Balance to revenue reserve	£23,749	£23,633
Valuation of investments	£16,303,680	£16,040,014
Invested in equities	92.89%	89.92%
Invested in Great Britain		•
(excluding freehold property)	51.99%	58.10%
Invested in overseas companies	48.01%	41.90%
Net asset value per share	122p	119.50p
Net asset value of £100 of		•
convertible loan stock	£98.66	£96.59

An increased final dividend of 2.13p per share is recommended making a total of 3.30p for the year against 3.00p (as adjusted in respect of the one for two capitalisation issue in August 1976) for 1975.

The net asset value of the deferred shares increased by 2.09% against a fall of 3.87% in the F.T.-Actuaries All-Share Index. Despite this, the discount on assets, as judged by the market price of the shares, rose from 27% to 40%.

North Sea Investments: A sum approaching £1,000,000 is at present invested in non-income producing equities largely connected with the North Sea and particularly the Ninian Field.

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1971, our sales have increased by nearly 325%, our earnings by nearly 500% and our pretax profits by nearly 600%. These figures haven't just happened—they're the proof of our positive corporate philosophy. Accountability decentralized; international expansion; diversification;

But it's been worth it. Every year

for the last 5 years, our pre-tax

achieved new records. Since

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

An uneasy equilibrium in NatWest profits

food, drink and to ational Westminster's deposits and costing us at itse by around 16 per cent this year. Margins actually premium and risk inflation. Shaded down to 6.3 per cent exchanges in the exchanges in the exchange and a fine operating level, including revenue, owth) partly offset by the imduties on agriculture for sterling depreciation on next year ie group's retentions rose by ces. If the green will so that they will cover, offshed the 1978 coperty write-down and the rise to 13.00m m by which the bank has cut reserves since the year-end truth about the law far allow for the depreciation of ricultural policy arrencies.

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a vatwest is going to be hard put o keep its retentions at last rear's level in the conditions tow prevailing; for profits are sound to be sluggish unless nterest rates move up again, and they could come under considerable pressure if rates fall ack much further.

Volume is, from the looks of t, set to show bittle growth inless the latter conditions arevail: and the outlook for the banking sector is, by implication, for an uneasy equilibrium for an uneasy equil omment from brine deep blue sen. And in the services of National Westminster, nds food for the hardly seems sufficient reward n deb: - Febreior a holding through a sluggish the 12 months until conditions the 12 months until 1976 (1975) though the 12 months until

(£104.4m) Earnings per share 42.8p* Dividend gross 15.79p (13.15p)

Impetus from ficute synder With European profits outside (CSE) symmotry the United Kingdom schools ced aghere sliding below those of the pre-

or the couler n comparer with a mere 2 per-stand a lon US vious fourth quarter, Unilever-have a returned to a more pedestrian

any one of a growth rate in its final three and the same months.

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The many months are with parity gains of the gas providing 13 points of the 84 gh or many per cent improvement in predict the full year total he is seen to a feet a seen to a feet and expected.

In Europe all milling results in Europe all milling results. there chart is not be seen to be

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Even so overseas results provided most of the Limited's fourth quarter sales improvement from the compares wit a mere 2 per cent which compares wit a mere 2 per cent improvement by Unilever NV.

America, Australia, Nigeria and India al fared well.

Of the 14 per cent sales growth calculated at compared for 8 per cent which compares favorably with the compares with a mere 2 per cent; which compares with a mere 2 per cent; which compares to the picture publicity.

In contrast to the picture presented by Commercial Vinion's results on Monday, Royal shows itself to be in the peak of balance sheet health. A 42; per cent solvency margin sissue and after a f28.3m transfer to retained profits this time, leaves plenty of scope to increase business this year.

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£111m of exchange gains pro-vided much of the 48 per cent where they are significantly below the 8.5 per cent record

achieved in the third quarter. The results caused something of a shakeout in the London market and after the strong gains of recent weeks Limited shares closed 10p lower at 442p although the NV shares added 25p to £24.25.

Profits growth this year seems likely to be more in the order of 15 per cent while a stable sterling rate will course have an adverse effect on the full-year totals as far as the United Kingdom is concerned. Even so a ple of 5.8 is not particularly demanding and the news that "locked-in" dividends due on the equalization agreement now amount to al lost 27p provides at least some compensation to long-term holders as far as a 3.9 per cent yield is concerned. Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £1.653m Sales £8,726m (£6,760m) Pre-tax profits £605.1m (£328m) Earnings per share 75.840 (38.23p)

Dividend gross 17.2p (15.6p)

by last year, and will be used to expand the existing opera-tions as well as set the scene

On an ex-rights price of just under 186p the current yield is

5.38 per cent, rising to a pros-pective 7.5 per cent. A p/e ratio of a little over 71 does

not make the shares look expen-

sive with the prospect of the

strong earnings growth con-tinuing this year. Final: 1976 (1975)

Pre-tax profits £24.2m (£16m) ? Earnings per share 25.3p (16.9p) Dividend gross 10p (10p)

When good news is discounted months shead there is always

the danger of anti-climax when

it finally arrives. But Royal Insurance's 1976 profits, although in line with ex-

pectations, are reassuringly impressive for all the advance

Capitalization £85.6m

Sales £212.4m (£151.8m)

Royal Insurance

In the face

of inflation

for further acquisitions.

Another

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £478m Premiun Income £1,091.9m Pre-tax profits E78.4m (£32.7m) Earnings per share 33.6p

Dividend gross 32.655p

Rights issue proceeds and an

increase in investment income

now beginning to have an im-

pact on United States under-

writing and an overall improve-

ment in operating ratios there,

from 1975's 107.1 per cent to 103.4 per cent, looks marginally worse than General Accident's

experience, but stands against

the 106.4 per cent reported by

The relative performances are obscured by Royal's policy of edjusting noderwriting results and investment income performance for exchange changes on

an average rather than a spot

rate. But the improving under-writing trend in North America is undeniable. And although Europe is still a problem area,

and the United Kingdom account was forced into the red

last year by subsidence and storm damage costs, Royal looks

quite capable of matching exter-nal forecasts of £95-£100m pre-

At 318p, up 5p on the results, the shares yield a solid 7.1 per cent and look among the most attractive in the sector.

tax profits this year.

Remedial action since 1974 is

to £92.4m.

CU for 1976.

Shareholders who went into BTR two years ago have had a good run. In July 1975 there was a one-for-five rights issue at 90p with a doubled dividend. Beecham Back in

Now there is another one-for-five rights issue, this time at 140p a share, and with the pros-pect of a 40 per cent increase in the dividend. On top of that in the dividend. On top of that BTR has just reported a 66 per cant rise in earnings.

The shares, up strongly last week, gaining a total of 23p, yesterday closed with a further gain, 18p up at 195p, where the rights' discount is 28 per cent.

This issue will raise about film almost exactly the level by which the loan capital rose by last year, and will be used. Beecham's acquisition policy has been highly successful in the past but yesterday's offer to buy the consumer products business Calgon, from the American pharmaceutical company Merck, was not what the stock market had been expecting. It is expensive—Beecham almost apologized for its cost-it is overseas, and does nothing at all

to further the company's avowed wish to increase its meagre, but extremely well-covered divi-The major bid for a United Kingdom company which some had expected now looks unlikely. Beecham believes that the best growth prospects he overseas which already accounts for 65 per cent of sales and the dividend problem appears to have been shelved, at least for the time being, but to pay nine times best pre-tax earnings for a business which lost £234,000

which is more than twice net assets, needs some justification. True, the loss came after ex ceptional promotion spending which will begin to pay off this year, but such an expensive acquisition needs more than just the brand leaders it brings with it to make sense. Beecham says the sense lies in Calgon's marketing network and the pos-sibilities of cross-selling European and American products.

lust year and a price—£48m—

With the Calgon acquisition completed the deferred nature of 71 per cent of the purchase price, half of which will ultimately be funded over an average 14 years, allows plenty of scope for further acquisitions overseas (particularly as Beecham has maybe haif of a possible £85m in cash in foreign currencies) and a balancing offer for a French pharma centical company is expected. For shareholders the strong

medium-term benefits are coun tered by a prospective yield of 21 per cent on Beecham's shares at 416p (after 435p), but a solu-tion to unlock some of the earn-ings; should eventually be

endanger union independence the case of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association it will be of Chapter 10 that:
our annual delegate conference "Board level rej

That is why we are against precipitate decisions being rushed through and why we have called for a special consulbefore any general reaction to he proposals is determined by the General Council. After all. there has not been a more important issue for the trade union movement in the past 50

in April which will determine

It is on the implications of the report for trade unions that following few remarks. So far, this is an area to which little utention has been given. If, however, the Bullock proposals, f implemented, would have a profound effect on British management, by the same token they must have a profound effect on British trade unions. You would not appreciate this from the report. On the con-trary, the Bullock Committee was at pains to minimize the

implications of its recommendations for trade unions, The central issue to which it repeatedly returns is whether trade union participation at board level will or will not de-

The first thing to say about the in collective bargaining. After Bullock Report is that we must scouring the issue in Chapters 5 all have time to consider it. In and 6 the committee comes to the conclusion in paragraph 54

> does not raise any new issues of principle for trade unions which are already engaged in collective bargaining. It simply creates an additional means by which they may cess, particularly those aspects of this process which collective bargaining is inadequate to handle by itself."

profound fallacy. At one level one can merely ask: if putting employee representatives on boards is "simply" a natural development of collective bar-gaining why did we need a Bullock Committee of In-

More fundamentally, it is necessary to recall the chief purpose of its recommendations, as the Bullock Committee sees em. This is, in the simplest language, to make management decisions more acceptable to a company's workforce through

Employee (who are to be appointed by the unious) on the board "would share responsibility for what the board decided would be implementing a (so that managers) . .

"Board level representation

Bullock: the fallacy that could

John Lyons, general secretary of the

Electrical Power Engineers' Association, discusses the report's implications for

collective bargaining

policy already agreed be-tween the representatives of employees and shareholders jointly at board level." (Para-

. that it will lead to . . . more efficient management of companies and ... the revitaliza-tion of British industry ... The result ... is more likely to be a strengthening of the private

sector from which investors as well as employers can benefit. (Paragraph 36, Chapter 6.) That trade unions, and the workforces they represent, should participate in important decisions affecting them, and accept responsibility in a new way for actively promoting the efficiency and wellbeing of their firms and organizations I per-sonally profoundly believe. But there is all the difference in

this through the extension of collective bargaining, under which in the last resort either side is free to make an agreement or not, and achieving it by putting trade union represen-tatives on the board in such a way as to commit them to

coming to an agreement, and taking full responsibility for it, whether they want to or not. It is because employee representatives on boards à la Bullock will tie the unions into the management decision making process, and simultaneously make away their ability to re-main independent when they

bargaining

Bullock. In practical employee representatives boards agree to rationalizations be bound to do from time to time, then to that extent the unious representing the staffs in the company or companies concerned will be com-promised in their collective

argaining positions. That is utterly unavoidable. . To argue that they will still retain all their independence is either a fiction or, if not, an expression of extraordinary naivety. If trade unions were consistently to repudiate the decisions of the representatives of their own workforces on boards of management then the

whole exercise would be quite abortive for industry and trade unions alike As I have said, a am per-sonally all in favour of the ex-tension of trade union responsibility for the welfare and effi-ciency of industry. The ques-tion of whether it is best done by employees' representatives on boards is, of course, something to consider in the light of the Bullock Report. is absolutely essential is that if trade unions accept the basic concepts of the Bullock Report.

we do so with our eyes open knowingly accepting the radi-

cally changed role which they

want to, that there is such a fundamental difference between

Christopher Wilkins

seas buyers of British goods have now had just over two months to mull over the Chaucellor's announcement that in future encouragement will be credits in foreign currency

rather than sterling. Some confusion remains about how the new scheme is going to work in practice, but behind such uncertainties there is a Elice

fundamental concern about its onger term implications. It has become increasingly clear that the scheme is much more far-reaching than the Chancellor implied with his

low-key talk of encouraging a switch to foreign currency financing. In most deals involving export credit there will be no choice. The Export Credits Guarantee Department has already told

bankers that it will require all buyer credit business (where loans are made to the foreign buyer) worth more than £20m to be financed in currency. In ler than that will have to be done in currency as well, and the question of applying the scheme to supplier credits (where the loans go to the British supplier) too.

government expenditure programmes are imposing a tight rein on sterling availability for export finance. The ECGD will be obliged to ration its limited supplies. It knows that there will be some cases where export business might be lost unless involcing is in sterling and it may well want to hold back much of what sterling is at its disposal to meet these needs.

Why the change took place

The reasons for the switch into currency financing are simple enough. Under the old scheme clearing banks put up the funds for expt: credits and were reimbursed to the extent that the subsidized interest rate on the credits fell short of a But they took the loans on

Thereafter it was agreed that anractive to

A new financial challenge for exporters

ECGD, would take on directly any additional lending. It was not foreseen when this scheme was introduced that it would involve government in

refinancing on anything like the scale that subsequently emerged. During 1975-76, £455m was refinenced from public

problem by a shift to foreign currency financing, which would be taken wholly on to the lending banks' own books.

The central question is whether such a basic change in the financing of export business, which could be running at the rate of £600m-5700m a year,

can be achieved without jeopardizing the capacity of exporters to sell their goods. The most immediately apparent problems are for the ex-

porters themselves. Despite the weakness of the pound and the urging of bankers, only a fairly small proportion of British exports is at present invoiced in currency. This may be partly because of a basic reluctance, underpinned by ignorance, to become involved in the mystical world of foreign exchange. But The harsh truth is that it also reflects a reasonable desire to be paid in the same currency in which costs arise. It is the nature of many ex-port credit deals that they in-

volve big contracts, complicated and often long-winded tendering procedures and then long lead times before the job is com-pleted. Many exporters take the view that, if they are required to tender for a contract in dollars when the time lag between the first approaches and the actual signing of a deal might be anything up to nine months, they are, in effect, being asked to take a view on fluctuations in the pound/dollar parity beyond their compensate.

to advise them, but in the final analysis no bank would be prepared to commit itself to nine-month forward projection of exchange rates.

Further, exporters are con-cerned about the possible impact that the switch to currency financing might have to their own books only up to impact that the switch to the point where they were currency financing might have caual to 20 per cent of the on overseas customers. One banks' current account deposits. reason why it has become

in the past two or three years has been because they have viewed the pound as a weak currency and have therefore expected some windfall benefits from exchange rate deprecia-

are no longer allowed to invoice in sterling they will be denied ment in exports on this scale ing tool. Gaining new export was plainly an embarrassment orders will be much and it was hoped to color orders will be much question of simple price and delivery competitiveness, and although the pound's collapse has created some advantages Britain's high inflation rate— particularly important for long contracts where the buyer wants a fixed price—is pulling in the opposite direction. Bankers are also pointing out

that some of Britain's biggest customers under the export credit scheme are reluctant to deal in any currency other than that of the supplier. This applies particularly to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. How deeply rooted such policies are is not yet clear.

problem to be insurmountable, are ignoring. Some of the alarms

but it remains a further cause for worry.

Does all this mean that export business will be lost? Bankers doubt whether any company seriously involved in exporting will voluntarily withdraw from the business because of currency complications. The ECGD also thinks that once the

scheme is generally understood

A certain amount of flex-

ibility will, in any case, have to

be maintained. The ECGD is clearly aware of the political embarrassment that would

arise if big exporters were to start complaining that they were losing business because of the

way the currency financing

scheme was being operated.

But there could be a signifi-

cant marginal impact which

Maintaining-

flexibility

the pound on a four or five-year view than there may have been three years ago, so that that particular selling advan-tage has probably been evaporating of its own accord. As far as tendering is conexporters will learn to live with

may be unfounded. There is

foreign buyers to expect pro-

nounced further weakness in

cerned, the problem really arises only in the event of a sharp collapse in sterling. Some take the view that recent actions have reduced the likelihood of a repeat of last year's perform-

Indeed, it might be argued that the additional problems export tenderers would face if the pound again dived rapidly gives an added incentive for the authorities to ensure that radical fluctuations do not occur. But the ECGD remains sufficiently concerned on this issue to be actively consider-ing whether it can do anything to help reduce risk exposure.

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Business Diary: Up the blues • Lonrho's faithful

When Toty trade unionists hold their annual conference in Notingham this weekend, Central Office will proudly amounts the party's acquisi-tion of two Liverpudlian acti-vists in the labour movement as full-time assumes.

Wally O'Brien. 48 a former shop steward with David Basnett's Smieral and Municipal Workers finion and at present secretary of the local branch of Equity, the actors' union, is one. The other is Paul Dowling, who is 30 and a shop stewart with the (Sair for it) Boiler-maker Society. Both the GMWU and the

Heritakers are counted among Labours most faithful allies: indeed it was boilermakers secretary Sir Danny McGarvey then plain Mr) who moved the TUC assolution calling on the workers to roll up their sleeves and realect Wilson with a working metarity in the autumn of 1974. Basnett's union is well known for putting its hand into is canacious pocket when the Transfort House begging bowl maked in periodic round.

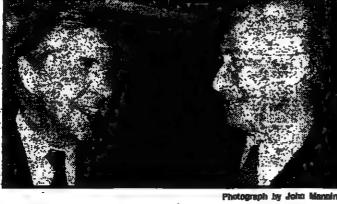
John Bowis, the Tories ations trade union organizer, chose the two from the more than 35 who answered advertisements in the local press. This shows that the party is sincere in its support for the Conserva-

The two new boys will be based in Ligerpool, covering the North west, Yorksbire and North Wales, Central Office is a bit coy on what they will earn, but Business Diarr's spies say it is around E.500, not bed these days for one actor or a boiler maker.

The Tory trade union conference looks like taking Nottingham by the scruff of its radical neck. About a thousand delegates are expected to cram into the Sherwood Rooms for. debates on the economy, worker participation in industry, un-employment and the closed shop. Mrs Thatcher addresses the troops in the morning and Jim ("Albert Booth is my shadow") Prior winds up the With Mrs Thatcher wooing

the TUC and Shadow ministers being urged to get to know the mion leaders in their specialist fields, it won't be long before the popular prints start talking about the "Tory TUC" and then Central Office will need all the actors it can hire-

When Lord Ryder and his National Enterprise Board drew up their plan for the rescue of British Leyland, he and the board no doubt thought they were dealing with a car company. Last night, however, it began to look as if Leyland's job in life is producing not cars but works of art. Lord Ryder declared open an exhibition at the Design Centre in London demonstrating the quality and reliability of British goods. One reliability of British goods. One exhibit, which is particularly popular is British Leyland's Rover 3500, which European motoring writers dubbed their Car of the Year for 1976, but which because of disputes and other problems has never been feely enallable since it was freely available since it was brought out. It makes a lovely exhibit, though



Overture and beginners: Londo's Tiny Rowland and Lard Duncan-Sandys before yesterday's annual meeting.

Perennial

The Lourbo annual general meeting was at its revivalist best yesterday when 600 of the faithful—and a few waverers crammed into the Great Room of Grosvenor House. This eyent gives shareholders

a rare chance to see the man that Loutho is all about, the elusive chief executive Tiny Rowland We say "see ", for Rowland rarely says much. Yesterday, for example, one of the many American investors

whose attention has been caught by the company complained to Rowland that Lonrho did not tell people enough, and please could the chief executive tell Rowland promptly fielded this to the chairman, Lord Duncan-Sandys, who merely observed that the policy was to expand, diversify and acquire.

The only animation came from the converts, who wished

to bear witness to their faith in adversity. One man declared with some pride that he had told his stockbroker to "Sbut when the latter demurred αĎ;, at an instruction to buy more

The speaker was answered with cries of "Yes!" when he declared "Our shares are "Do you agree?" he cried, and was rewarded with an even more resounding "Yes!" With a call of "Forward into battle"

Lums reek lang

Edinburgh bankers are watching with some interest the decision of one foreign bank after another to pitch tents in the Scottish capital rather than try to do business from London.
There are, for example, about six United States banks now in Edinburgh, as well as the

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is look-ing for offices, Chase Man-hattan is said to be similarly engaged and at least one Swiss

bank is thought to be showing

Credit Lyonnais, the Banque de Paris and the Bank of Nova

Citibank, the latest arrival, started by building up its Scot-tish business from London but decided there was no alternative to setting up north of the

John Boukley, the manager, told Business Diary that Scot-tish firms preferred to deal with somebody they knew. Ultimately it comes to a question of personalities ", he said. Ole Red is a Norwegian and an assistant manager of First National Bank of Chicago. He says that the bank came only partly because of North Sea oil,

At the last count there were 26 English and foreign banks of one sort or another in

and that over half the cus-

tomers are Scottish.

Many a stockbroker and his client have burnt their fingers on the New York Stock Exchange during the slump of the last (cw years, Yesterday, however, it looked for a time as if the inmates of the exchange risked more than money when the fire darm was sounded on the floor. Like some of the rallies its members are always predicting, however, there was found to be smoke but no fire. The exchange was cleared without ponic and people were back at their posts

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After Beecham had called a amount was one-half. press conference this was quickly reinforced by specula-tion that a major United Kingdom purchase was on the cards' —IRC International was favourite—as a way of beating dividend restraint. This spurred

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Thanks to a strong second six months F. J. Wallis,

the Essex-based supermarkets

Turnover for the year rose by 25 per cent to £80.8m, and sales so far in 1977 are 23 per

cent up. The pre-tax profit margin widened from 4.07 per cent to 4.35 per cent and earnings a share rose from 3.47p to 5.35p. The group pays a total dividend lifted from an adjusted 1.60 gross m 1.75p.

No new stores openings are

planned for the current year. But it is expected that about 25 per cent will be added to selling space in 1978. The new stores will average about 20,000

sq ft sales area. In the first-balf of 1976 there

was a continuing squeeze

on incomes and competition

pressed on margins. Multiples and independents were fighting

adjusted 1.6p gross to 1.75p.

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nouncement from Beecham best exjectations and the shares amounted to nothing more ended 10p lower at 442p with than an American purchase the "NV" a quarter better at sect shares sharply into reverse £24!. The NatWest statement, though, was deemed "satis-factory" and the shares held

> eighth to one-quarter, medium dates were one-half better while "longs" were sometimes ahead by as much as threequarters. A more normal

The anti-climax of the Beecham statement led to some late selling among the leaders with both Fisens 308p and Glaxe 453p recerring to their overnight positions after early rises of several pence. ICI did even worse, closing 5p lower at 334p while BOC refused to go down and finished with a gain ω. 21p to 72p. LRC, the object

of 2½p to 72p. LRC, the object of much speculation, firmed half a point at 67½p.

Bid and speculative stocks continued to show up well with some new names added to a lengthening list. United Engineering rose 3p to 26p after news of talks that may lead to a takeover while after days of speculation Ely's (Wimbledon) put on another 13p to 98p when ir was learned that Owen Owen, unchanged at 78p, had taken a near 30 per cent stake.

near 30 per cent stake.

Hopes of tax concessions continued to give a lift to stores sabres with WH Smith "A" soaring 18p to 398p in a thin market, Gus "A" 10p to the good at 196p and British Home

Stores puring on another 6p for for much the same reason Rown-a final figure of 171p. Boots added a couple of pence to end at 214p.

ат 146р. Engineering issues were also wanted with solid gains coming from Herbert Morris 80 to 168p in anticipation of further terms from Babcock & Wilcox, Metal

It is pleasant to see Lamont Holdings taking a turn for the better. The shares are now 15p after sinking as low as 72p only a month or two ago. The sale of the Oceanic unit trusts and the financial services division are bringing in a useful £120,000 or so, engineering is going well, and it is thought that a big property develop-ment in Edinburgh is proving very successful. Assets are 35p

Box, better by 6p to 280p and Edgar Allen Balfour with a jump of 6p to 57p. Vickers rose

jump of bp to 5/p. Vitaris 1036.

2p to 165p.

Influenced by transatlantic influences oils went into retreat with BP off 12p to 892p, Shell 9p to 509p and Oil Exploration 1p to 84p. Golds retreated from the previous day's firmness as the metal price fell back.

1872th dicidend and profit con-With dividend and profit considerations outweighing a £12m rights issue BTR added no less

than 18p to 195p while Hep-worth Ceramic rose 14p to 50p and-denied reports of a capital repayment plan. In foods Sains-bury continued to "catch up" with a rise of 3p to 147p while

In the financial sector the National Westminster's figures helped the other clearers with Lloyds 208p and Midland 260p both 3p to the good. But Barclays slipped a couple of

pence to 250p. Firm spots were to be found in HK & Shanghai Bank 5p to 350p and discounter Seccombe Marshail 10p to 260p while over in insurances figures from Royal brought a gain of 6p to 318p. Pear! 4p to 208p and Legal & General 6p to 129p were both in good form and after Monday's figures Commercial Union rose just a penny to 121p.

Further bid speculation helped Bernard Sunley to rise another 7p to 143p in properties where British Land held steady at 40p after figures and Trafalgar House slipped 13n. Trafalgar House slipped lip u 1134p after the earlier news g

Equity turnover on February 25 was £72,53m (16,833 bargains).
According to Exchange Tele graph active stocks yesterday were BTR, Shell, BP, Beechan BAT Ind, Gus "A", ICI, BAT Dfd, P & O, Burmah, Marks & Spencer, Reed, Barclays, Commercial Union, English China new, Ely's (Wimbledon), Dip. loma, Bestobel, J. Smurfir and

Latest dividends

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Rentokil gives 1-for-2 scrip: growth record unbroken

£39.4m to £46.8m. the Essex-based supermarkets group, turns in best-ever profits, It also advanced beyond £3m for the first time. At half-time pre-tax profits rose 20 per cent to £1.49m, but the second stage of the year to January 1 brought in some £2.02m. So the year's profits increased 34 per cent to £3.51m.

Turnover for the year rose

Of this, overseas companies again made most of the running with turnover going ahead from £17.9m to £23.1m. The board proposes a one-for-two scrip issue and a rise in dividend from 2.74n gross to 3.29n. from 2.74p gross to 3.29p.

Pre-tax margins narrowed slightly from 15.5 per cent to 15.2 per cent as price controls both here and abroad took a

Mining machinery group Dob-

son Park Industries has made a further investment in the

West German mining industry. Mr Jim Ward, chairman, told the annual meeting that con-

tracts have been signed, subject to formal consents, to buy nearly 75 per cent of Schopf Mascinenbau for DM3m cash,

The impact of the new invest-

ments in Germany will mean that annual profits for its associated companies there will now match those for 1975-76.

about £730,000.

market. Other factors making trading tougher was rivalry from some of the big food remailers.

So group profits for the first half of 1976-77 should be alightly above the £4.5m of the same period.

Dobson foray in Germany

By Tony May

The chain of unbroken record profits lengthens steadily at Rentokil Group, Last year pretax profits rose 17 per cant to 57.16m on a turnover up from \$4.37 \text{p}\$ to 5.65 before allowing for extraordinary credits of \$1.12\text{m}\$ against \$650,000\$. They arose from fluctuations in the market value of the increase in overseas profits.

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The best performance continued to be put in by the pest control and hygiene division, which offset those divisions more closely linked with hous-

United Kingdom profits rose
3.3 per cent to £4m, but overseas profits grew by 40.5 per
cent to £3.1m, with Western

The newcomer will broaden the product base of the group's mining. Schopf already supplies both coal and other forms of mining. Schopf already supplies

Australia, Ghana, Zambia, Yugoslavia, Chile, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, the EEC

and other countries.
Contracts have also been signed with Becker-Prunte for

just over 25 per cent of its equity in exchange for Dob-son's 50 per cent holding in Becorit Grubenhausbau. The

stake in Becker is also expected

to enable Dobson to take part in a wider spread of products

February, 1976. Most of the money raised last month was

accounted for by two issues— the £49.8m raised by Finance For Industry and £24.6m raised

by the Corporation of London.

A rise in pre-tax profits from £352,000 to £382,000 at Excali-

bur Jewellery for the six months to October 31 has been achieved on turnover up from £1.95m to £2.2m. Earnings a snare are 1.25p against 1.2p while the dividend is raised from 0.33p to 0.36p gross.

At the start of the year the board hoped that profits would at least equal the £618,000 achieved over 1975-76.

Fearing 1,200 redundancies, the workforce of Bollom, a major subsidiary of Johnson Group Cleaners, has voted

unanimously to support the board in opposing the £4.7m bid from rival laundry and dry cleaning group, Sketchley.

Employees held meetings yesterday at Bristol, Brighton and Treforest and at each, a company spokesman said yester-

day, a resolution was passed wholeheartedly supporting the

board's view that the Sketchley offer was not in the best

"A careful assessment of

what economic operation would

dictate suggests that probably

five Johnson works would be closed and that redundancies in shop staff, office staff and

interests of employees.

Johnson's Bollom

rejects Sketchley

Excalibur Jewellery

equipment

underground

At half time the board expected second half profits roughly to match the first half's £3.5m—a rise of 24 per cent.

In fact the second half brought in £3.6m—an increase of 10.6 per cent. The board hoped to have a little more in hand, and would have had but for the devaluations in Australia and New Zealand. The outlook is one cautious optimism.".

at Derek Crouch

A poor start did not stop

Derek Crouch (Contractors)

having a bumper 1976. High

pay settlements, spending cuts

and inflation spelled a "dis-

appointing " first half year, but

the second half saw pre-tax

profits leap from £716,000 to

This took them to a record

£1.8m against £1.13m on sales

of £28m against £21.5m. Earn-

ings a share were up from 6.19p

to 10.36p and the dividend is

5.42p gross against 4.92p.

Bland Payne's

Premiums handled in the

year to the end of September rose from £274m to £416m.

Overseas earnings now account for well over half the

Currency exchange gains accounted for "in excess of £3m" at the pre-tax level against just over £1m in 1975. Payne's September year-end means that there will be a further currency

boost this year.

The chairman adds: A large part of the market's potential

foreign exchange exposure is eliminated by the fact that insurers and reinsurers trade in United States Dollars and Canadian Dollars.

The board of Estates House

taking account of the 25 per

cent surrender of investment currency premium.

The board estimates that the

realization of this holding has crystallized a tax liability of about £367,000.

Est House Inv sale

earnings.

£1.6m before tax.

Mr Ritblat keeps Brit Land assets intact

By John Brennan

British Land's chairman and managing director, Mr John Ritblat, has been sailing against the property tide, refusing to take forced sale prices for properties on the principle that "it is no good degearing to become a hollow shell".

Although the group has made

Although the group has made sales of £50m since late 1973 the disposal programme stands against net debts shown at 5209m in March 1976. These are down to around £180m new, a debt to last year's written dept to last year's writen down equity ratio of over 315per cent. Mr Ritblat has held the portfolio together, but heldyear results to the end of September show the continuing costs of this policy.

Interest charges of £9.5m in the six months cut into a re-Recovery to peak

the six months cut into a pre-interest and pre-tax surplus up: by 10 per cent to £7.1m, leaving the pre-tax deficit down from 1975's £2.9m to £2.4m. Tax reliefs cut the attribut-

able deficit from £3.1m to £422,000.

Mr Ritblat points out that the second half bears the brunt of the winter's interest rate increases, and, despite annual rent growth running at £800,000 and an eventual £3m a year when newly completed developments are let, he sees no chance of an improvement in the pre-tax loss for the full year. No dividend is proposed and its shares remained unchanged at

40p.
The chairman is still keen to expand the group's capital bass. He makes the point that "the institutions have now eaten up the reasonable properties over-hanging from 1973" and 15 they remain hungry for good quality property he does not rule out the possibility of management of the company equity or loan stock arrange

CUFTENCY Gains Midland Bank's insurance broking subsidiary, Bland Payne Holdings, follows the pattern set by recent brokers' results with a 78 new control of the partern set by recent brokers' results **Elder Smith** ahead but doubts with a 78 per cent increase in pre-tax profits last year to £15.2m. on second-half

Almost all divisions pushed up gross revenue and operating profits at Elder Smith Goldsbrough Mort and antibutable profits for the opening half year to December 31 jumped from \$A2.65m m \$A3.86m. Sales rose from \$A57.8m to \$A72.5m. But the interim dividend is 4 cents again. The main benefits came from

the sale of more wool at higher prices, bigger agency com-missions resulting from better cattle and sheep prices, and

Overseas

better revenue from the pro-perty agency division. Other sides to do well were metals and building materials' distri-bution and finance and mer-Interest of Estates thouse Investment Trust says that the holding of 607,890 common shares of Algoma Central Railway has been sold to Canadian interests for about £4.3m after chant banking. But the group gives a warn

ing that it does not expect to maintain the same rate of profit improvement in the second half year, to June 30 maintain the profit improvement second half year, to June mext. Uncertain economic conditions in Australia, and the possibilities of further big wage possibilities of further b

35 pc rise in earnings

reported on the year to ful year. For the year to December 31, net profits rose cent to \$7.7m reported on their most success by 35.5 per cent to 57.7m (\$4.18 a share) from \$5.7m (\$3.14 a share). The 1976 balance-sheet includes a net foreign translation and exchange loss of \$561,000 compared with a loss of \$899,000 m 1975.

Net profits in the fourth

Electronic gadgetry earns a Diploma Diploma Investments, the electronics components distri-butor and engineer seems to have discovered how to grow faster as it gets bigger. In the six months to September 30 on a turnover of £10.8m against £9.6m. the largest monthly figure since management throughout the last August. It was, however, well below the £243m raised in mately 1,200 ", managing director, Mr Philip Bollom, said.

In the six months to December 31 it swept along pre-tax profits by 80 per cent to £1.8m, not so far away from the £1.95m in the full year to June 30, 1975. Sales climbed from purchase to steel stockholding £9.5m to £11.85m. In 1975-76 group is \$1.15p gross again

profits rose 28 per cent. But the group explains, almost apologerically, "the rise in earnings per share from 4.87p to 7.49p was limited by the dilutionary effect of the increase in issued share capital following the rights issue and the final conversion of the loan stock."

Even so the interim dividend absorbs only £117,500 of attributable profits of £777,000. This dividend jumps from 1.22p gross to 1.74p, but simply, the directors say to even our the annual dividend. So they indicate a final of 3.48p gross making 5.22p against 4.75p, if dividend curbs stay.

The sales gain and margins jump reflected customers re-

stocking after weathering recession, but not yet economic recovery. The star turn was the distribution division and especially electronic components. Franchises from Hewlett Packard. Motorola and Mullard make the Macro Group probably their largest semi conductor distributor in the United

Confident Stocklake

After its return last year to profits of over £1m, Stocklake Holdings is going strong this

Allen Harvey & Ross ends

2.3pc down Bill broking and banking group Allen Harvey & Ross finished the year to February 5 with a 2.3 per cent drop in profits to 2697,000. This was after making an unchanged provision for rebate, 1.1x, and transfers to the contingency reserve of £250,000. The corry forward was \$320,000 against \$227,000.

Net assets come out at £4m against 53.9m and the debit balance on the tax equalization account has been reduced from £817,000 to £247,000. Shareholders are to collect a divi-dend of 42.3p against 38.5p

purchase to steel stockholding group is 1.15p gross again. Earnings a share were 11.7p against 7.3p.

Utd Engineering in bid talks

Talks are on at United Engineering Ludustries which may lead to a bid for the group at 26½p a share. This compares with 23p in the market before the news and it would value the group at £1.9m. The offer could come from "the control-ling shareholders or interests with which they are asso-

The board of this general and precision engineering, commer-cial vehicle body building, central heating equipment and quarrying group has appointed Arbuthnot Chancery Trust to The accounts for 1975-76 show

that Mr L. Jagger and his family held 1.96m ordinary shares, out of 7.2m in issue, and £336,000 of loan stock. Mr C. I. Skipper, a director, held 1.87m ordinary shares and £367,000 of loan

Two issues explain February's £91m The amount of new money raised in the United Kingdom

during February was, at £91m, Briefly

> SCOTTISH ASSAM TEA Offer by Botraco is unconditional, after acceptances on 85.27 per cent of ordinary and 90.61 per cear of " A " shares. WILLIAM WEITTINGHAM

Board says that group should trade more profitably this year but this may not be apparent at half time because of seasonal nature of photographic business. LOWE & BRYDONE On turnover up from £539,000 to £838,000, pre-tax loss deepened from £10,000 to £54,000 in six months to September 30. However, profits for full year should not be less than £70,000 (against £45,000), and final dividend of 2.6p forecast.

LUNUVA (CEYLON) TEA & RBR Pre-tax profits for 1976, £47,000 (£40,000). Earnings a share are 3.44p (3.84p). Dividend is 5.49p (5p gross). MACKINNON OF SCOTLAND

MANN & OVERTON

After purchase of 596,000 shares, General Pinance & Investment, of Guernsey has a 22 per cent stake, ELANDSRAND COLD

Chairman reports marked im-provement in productivity after last year's settack. Board proposes to raise borrowing limits to £1.9m.

Of 27.9m shares offered at R2 a share, subscriptions received for about 97.3 per cent. Balance will be taken up in terms of under-

writing agreement. EDINBURGH AMERICAN Chairman writes that he still believes that the large proportion of overseas investments and the commitment

energy will, over longer-term, help company to achieve capital Prowit.

DAVIS & METCALFE JUMPS For year to December 31 pretax profit up from £154,000 to £215,000 and net profit from £74,000 to £103,000. Dividend raised from 1.54p gross to 1.8p.

DENNIS MOTORS Dennis Motors, subsidiary of Hestair, has received record orders of over \$2m for the first 20 days of present year. Order book now over \$10m. Export orders account for \$5 per cent of total.

EIB \$150M EUROBOND European Investment Eank plans
\$150m three tranche Eurobond,
bond market sources said in
Frankfurt. Tranches will be
between seven and 15 years;
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to be fixed. Deutsche Eank AG
named as lead manager,—Reuter.

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April-June, 54.95-58.05; July-Sept.
96.96-69.00; Oct-Dec, 62.85-62.90;
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Coffee bruthed £4,000 per tonne for the second time in a week. In early trading in the London market yesterday. The November position rose £130 per tonne above Monday night's close to trade at £4,020.

Monday industrial to the attributed to a strong oversight close in New York; increased export sales from Brazil 22 large leftover buyers pool and the state of seige in it salvador.

At the afternoon close November and the other distant positions were soil over \$4,000. Spot March put on \$210 per ton to \$3,970 and May was \$125 abead at \$3,945.

News first the Dutch coffee

News that the Durch coffee trader I. Duyvis en Zoon had been granted a preliminary payments morstorium owing to the sharp rise in prices had little effect on the market. Union, English & y's (Wimbledon)

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Says chairman Mr D L Donne

"I look forward to the current year with confidence because of the foundations for growth which have been laid. Given anything approaching normal trading conditions, I expect to be able to report 1977 as being yet another record year."

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MEAT COMMISSION.—Average int-stock prices at representative markets on March 1. GB: Cattle 57.100 per te W (+0.93); UK: Shaep 133.1p per

The Swisa franc recovered in volatile late trading on the foreign exchange yesterday, with North American banks apparently "covering short Swiss positions after the Zurich market closed. The franc rose very quickly to 2,5460/80 against the dollar from the 2,5530/40 ruling for much of the afternoon, Still later the franc slipped back again to close at 2.5500. The twings in the currency have been provoked by increasing concern about the Swiss economy. As a result, some of the large holdings of francs built up in recent years when Zurick was seen as a haven

reduced.

Sterling traded up to \$1.7155
from late morning "lows" of
below \$1.71. It closed finally at
\$1.7135, down a net 5 points.

On the new index of sterling
effective depreciation, introduced
yesterday, the rate was \$1.7 at the
close (December 1971=100). On
the old basis the depreciation was
unchanged at 43.1 per cent.

Gold fell \$1.50 an ounce in close
at \$141.625. **Spot Position**

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Forward Levels

Discount market The Bank of England yesterday relieved a shortage of fresh funds in the discount market by lending a very large sum overnight to seven or eight houses at MLR (12 per cent). In the early stages, with the clearing banks flat or lenders of modest sums, houses made some progress on rates that were infially 11] per cent, then 11] per cent. When it became clear that there was going to be a fairly sizable shortage, banks forced the rate up to 12 per cent. This level had then until lunchtime.

During the afternoon in patrice

During the afternoon, in patchy conditions, rates slowly eased until books were eventually closed over a band of 10½ per cent to 11½ per cent. The help from the authorities seemed to be slightly lut; than underlying factors suggested was necessary, so that bank balances were probably to be carried overnight in a slightly rundown state.

Factors against the market had been 2 very small Treasury bill take-up, modest outflow of notes, a small gfit-edged sertiement, and repayment by the houses of the exceptionally large MLR loans they had taken on Monday. The only two plus items of any onsequence were bank balances

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Wall Street

New York Stock prices were strong over a broad area at the close on the New York Stock Exchange today, rallying on a com-bination of internal strength and outside encouragement. The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 8.31 points to 944.73. About 1,030 issues gained, compared with about 410 declin-

brought oversight at above target levels and a substantial excess of Exchequer disbursements over-revenue receipts. There was fair trading in Treasury hills, on rates that eased from 103-3 per cent

Volume totalled 19,480,000 shares, compared with 16,220,000 steres, temperature yesterday,
The market resisted unfavourable news of a decline in January construction spending. Silver 2.70c higher

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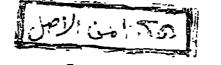
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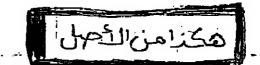
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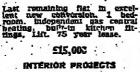
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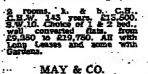
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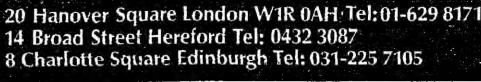
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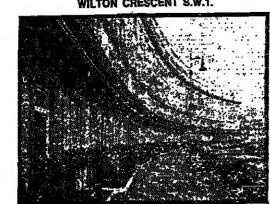
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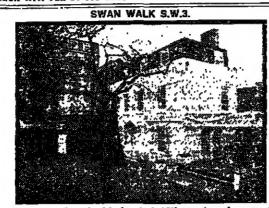


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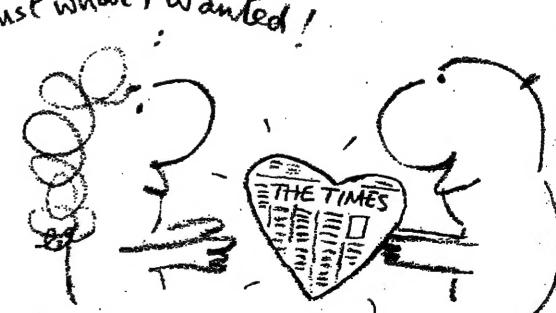
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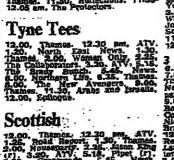
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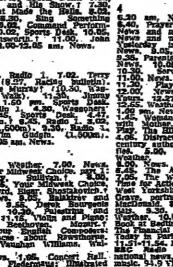








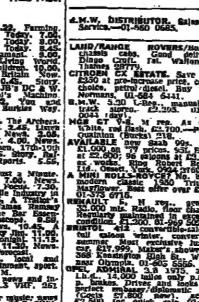
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